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Wilson Taps Sen. Seymour

by Cliff O'Neill

WASHINGTON — Gov. elect Pete Wilson on Jan. 2 tapped moderate Republican state Sen. John Seymour to complete his unexpired term in the U.S. Senate, garnering praise from gay and lesbian political activists both in Washington, D.C., and California.

Seymour, a former mayor of Anaheim who now represents part of California's Orange County in the state Sen-

ate, is a moderate Republican whose views are largely in line with those of Wilson's.

In his eight years in the Senate, and particularly in the past year, Wilson has gained the reputation of being a somewhat supportive — although not always predictable — Republican ally of the gay and lesbian community.

And despite a number of Senate votes determined to be against the gay and lesbian community and a much-publicized flap in which he sup-

ported removing the "gay flag" from atop the state Capitol last October, he did receive noticeable lesbian and gay support for his gubernatorial candidacy.

Gay and lesbian political activists wasted no time in lauding Wilson's choice of Seymour, saying that they will now most likely have another voice of support against anti-gay initiatives in the Senate.

"It's clear that Wilson
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Gallagher Invite Downplayed

by M.R. Covino

SACRAMENTO — Gays and lesbians throughout California are expressing outrage at the selection of homophobic comedian Gallagher to entertain on a pre-inaugural program at Sacramento's Arco Arena on Jan. 6.

Gallagher has often admonished his audiences to "burn fags — not flags," and has studded his act with vi-

Queer Nation is organizing a car caravan to Sacramento. Anyone interested in driving or those needing rides should meet in the Safeway parking lot at Market and Church, Monday at 7:15 a.m. For more information, call 661-4867.

cious, denigrating slurs against gays and lesbians and comments about AIDS.

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OCC Rules Oct. 6 Sweep Was 'Proper'

by Dennis Conkin

The Office of Citizen Complaints has informed complainants that the Oct. 6, 1989 police sweep of the Castro District was not improper conduct under the rules and regulations of the San Francisco Police Department.

The OCC sustained a complaint that too many officers were called to the demonstration.

Mayor Art Agnos was unavailable for comment about the ruling at press deadline.

The preliminary decision not to sustain complaints regarding the controversial police action that saw hundreds of patrons of Castro Street businesses held hostage in bookstores, restaurants, bars and shops as a phalanx of baton-wielding officers cleared the area has been denounced by gay and civil rights activists.

The OCC informed complainant Gerard Koskovich that a preliminary investigation of his complaint regarding police "restricting the free movement of citizens" concludes the controversial Oct. 6 sweep was "proper conduct" under department rules.

"As an eyewitness to the police sweep, I don't think it was proper conduct. I think it was a gross violation of the civil rights of an entire community," said Koskovich, a member of Queer Nation's police misconduct focus group.

"The OCC has ruled that the sweep was legal but was it appropriate?" President of the Board of Supervisors Harry Britt asked.

Britt said that the Board of Supervisors would ask the Police Commission to ensure that such an incident never occurs again and that the board would

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Ding Dong

New Year's Eve revelers spill out onto Castro Street at the stroke of midnight.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

State: No Gay Police Training

by Dennis Conkin

The California State Department of Justice has informed Community United Against Violence that a new law that requires police officers to receive training about the cultural differences of minorities does not include lesbians and gays.

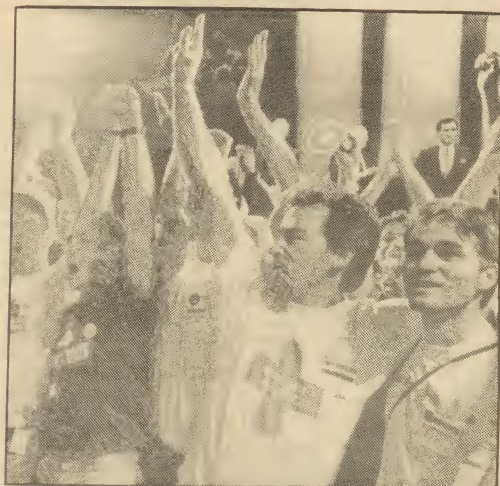
SB 2680, signed into law by Gov. George Deukmejian on Aug. 7, requires the State Commission of Peace Officer Standards and Training to offer racial and cultural diversity training for peace officers.

Jill Tregor, CUAV program coordinator, was informed in October by Norman Boehm, POST executive

director, that input from CUAV about lesbian and gay cultural diversity would not be needed.

"This legislation focuses on cultural differences of racial groups and recent immigrants to California. To add other groups or interests would unduly complicate re-

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ACT UP members disrupt the AIDS conference in June.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

Part I: January-June

1990 In Review: Year of Boycotts

by Dennis Conkin

January

The AIDS Project of the East Bay was embroiled in a bitter labor dispute one month after the entire non-management staff filed for protection with the National Labor Relations Board and signed union authorization cards with SEIU Local 616. The brouhaha erupted after the termination of two employees and the suspension of two others by Executive Director Cleo Manago. A preliminary report issued by the Alameda County Health De-

partment said the agency had failed to meet some of its contractual obligations. One former staffer and a local political activist claimed the agency had become little more than a front for a controversial political group.

Three young men convicted of second degree murder in the 1984 Polk Street gay bashing of John O'Connell were released from prison a few days after their sentences were reduced from 15 to four years, following a November

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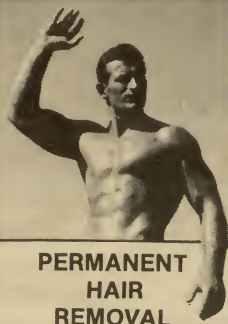
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Hippler to Speak At MCC Sunday

Bay Area Reporter columnist Mike Hippler will deliver the sermon at MCC/SF, 150 Eureka St., on Jan. 6, at 7 p.m. The service will also feature high energy pop and gospel music.

Hippler will preach about his own spirituality, highlighting themes from his recent book, *So Little Time*, much of which originally appeared in the pages of B.A.R.

He will also talk about what gives him hope at this time in the life of our community. ▼

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Soviet Activists: Authorities Setting Trap for Gay Group

by Rex Wockner

The 10 key Moscow gay activists who were interrogated by police Dec. 17 say the authorities are on a hunting expedition for some legal snafu to use against the city's only gay organization.

Moscow Gay and Lesbian Union founder Roman Kalinin says the group was required to show police its financial records "because they're looking for some reason to bring a trial against us."

"But we're clean," Kalinin said. "There's nothing they can get us on. We passed the first attack."

Nonetheless, MGLU has handed its finances over to "a gay businessman." Police also visited Kalinin's parents in late December, urging that they limit their son's political activities.

Kalinin has had minimal contact with his parents since he came out of the closet because of their negative reaction.

Meanwhile, mystery continues to surround the late November murder of gay activist Alexander Lukeshev, who was the editor of *New Life*, a key newspaper of the Soviet democratic movement.

The official Soviet press reported that Lukeshev was



Julie Dorf

murdered by a jealous 16-year-old lover, who, authorities say, is in custody.

Kalinin said the KGB murdered Lukeshev as a warning to the democratic and gay movements. Kalinin said his suspicions were augmented by the fact that the murder is being reported in the press in "a very dirty and cruel way, focusing on (Lukeshev's) gay lifestyle."

Lukeshev was also reportedly writing a book of inside information about the democratic movement — information that authorities did not want to see published, Kalinin said.

Lukeshev's body was found burning on a stack of

books in his apartment.

"This murder has people scared," said Julie Dorf, co-chair of the San Francisco-based International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission, which works closely with Moscow activists. "It's the second murder of a democratic leader and (activists) believe it is the KGB. The murders together with the rise in the power of the KGB in the past month have had their effect."

But Moscow activists are fighting back. Kalinin said MGLU and its newspaper, *Tema*, would file a libel suit against government media outlets — including *Pravda* and the Soviet Telegraph Agency — concerning allegedly false and damaging news reports attacking the gay movement.

The liberal Moscow City Council is backing MGLU in the action, according to Dorf.

Work is also progressing on MGLU's plans for an AIDS center, and Kalinin is working to arrange a live satellite TV hookup between San Francisco and Moscow to discuss domestic-partnership laws.

Plans are also on track for this summer's first-ever gay-pride parades, film festivals and conferences in Moscow

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Spiritual Healing

Bobby McFerrin (third from left) joins Voicestra in "Singing for Your Life," a 24-hour meditation for healing at Grace Cathedral Dec. 30-31.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

Excessive 'Sport Sex' Harmful

United Press International

TORONTO—Sexercise, or using lovemaking as a sport, can put the spark back in a relationship, a Canadian researcher says.

But University of British Columbia psychologist Susan Butt warns excessive "sport sex" is as bad as overdoing it at the gym.

Butt, a Vancouver-based scientist, said that by adopting her view on sexercise, couples can dissipate the guilt or sorrow they feel when long-term relationships cool after three to five years.

"Relating sex to fitness and fun can unburden people immensely," Butt said. "It can help them get over the emotional laddiness and high, unreasonable expectations they may have."

Moreover, couples who view sex as exercise are less prone to take a dim view of a mate who begs off because of being tired.

"If your partner said they were too tired to go skiing you wouldn't be insulted," said Butt, Canada's top ranked female tennis player in the 1960s. "Sex may be the most basic, intense and fre-

quent form of physical exercise. It is a biological response, which has much in common with sport."

Sex and sporting activities are similar because they involve muscle tension, breathing control, rhythm and timing, Butt said.

"In particular, the muscle rigidity that occurs during orgasm is also necessary for outstanding athletic feats," Butt said. "Jumping, gymnastics, tennis, football — almost all sports — require muscle tone, focus, strength and sometimes strain, as does sex. They also require skill and technique." ▼

Police

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search and development of this project. Therefore, it is necessary to decline your offer of assistance," Boehm said.

Boehm's response to CUAV drew a heated response from San Francisco Sheriff Michael Hennessey.

"Certainly one area of great cultural diversity is California's gay and lesbian community. As you know, most law enforcement agencies do not have gay or lesbian officers on their force. In fact, many law enforcement agencies specifically exclude or reject gay and lesbian law enforcement candidates. This along suggests that there is a cultural difference between law enforcement officers in some areas of California and gay and lesbian citizens."

Hennessey went on to say that he thinks it would "be a very bad message for POST to say there were cultural sensitivity issues regarding racial minorities but by exclusion indicate there are no such concerns regarding gay men and lesbians."

Tom Reilly of the Gay Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California called Boehm's response to CUAV "outrageous" and said there was nothing in the law, authored by Sen. Daniel Boatwright (D-Contra Costa), to indicate that lesbians and gays were not to be included.

CUAV trains the San Francisco Police Department, including Police Academy recruits, on lesbian and gay cultural issues.

"I have recently discussed this issue with Mary Meuel, legislative consultant to Sen. Daniel Boatwright, the author of SB 2680," Reilly wrote Boehm on Dec. 21. "Ms. Meuel agrees that the legislation includes the gay and lesbian community. In fact, she told me that the word 'cultural' was added to the statute specifically to include non-racial and ethnic communities."

"Representatives of the lesbian and gay community and PWAs should be included in developing the new POST training guidelines. CUAV has an excellent track record in providing training for peace officers in San Francisco, and that organization would be a splendid choice for participation in developing the new training," Reilly said.



Jill Tregor

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Boatwright's bill requires POST to "develop and disseminate guidelines and training for peace officers in California on the racial and cultural differences of people in the state, so that peace officers can be better prepared to deal with the racial and cultural diversity of the state's citizenry."

The guidelines were to be developed by Jan. 1. ▼

Deliberations Begin In Gay Man's Murder

by Dennis Conkin

Jury deliberations in the murder trial of Clifford Bolden, who allegedly murdered Michael Pedersen, a 46-year-old Corbett Street gay man in 1986, continue. The case went to the jury Dec. 20.

During the trial, Assistant District Attorney Eugene Sweeters told the jury that Bolden picked up Pedersen at the Pendulum, a bar on 18th Street near Collingwood, and after returning with Pedersen to his home, stabbed him to death in the living room.

Pedersen was found in the bathtub of his apartment with a dagger wound in his back and an L-shaped stab wound in his chest.

Pedersen's body was found by a next-door neighbor, who was the trial's first witness.

Bolden has a prior criminal record, including a 1981 conviction for a homicide committed shortly after he was released from a prison

term for attacking a man with a machete.

In 1984 Bolden walked away from a low-security road gang at Folsom Prison and was later captured and convicted of the escape.

Bolden, charged with murder in the commission of a robbery, faces the death penalty if convicted of the slaying.

Shortly after defense attorneys questioned the reliability of genetic tests linking blood stains on the knife used as the murder weapon to the defendant, the prosecution rested its case.

The trial, which began Dec. 10, had been delayed by procedural motions and an exhaustive jury selection process in which more than 700 potential jurors were interviewed.

The 6'8" Bolden sat impassively during the trial, dressed in slacks and a blue V-neck sweater. ▼

Thrift Store Profit Distribution

The Community Thrift Store, located at 623-625 Valencia St., is pleased to announce the profit distribution for the first six months of 1990 in the amount of \$55,821.26 to the participating non-profit organizations listed with them.

AIDS/ARC non-profits received \$39,067.56 followed by women's non-profits with \$4,156.66 and youth non-profits receiving \$2,457.26.

The remaining checks issued went to the other various non-profits listed with the store.

Since the Community Thrift Store opened in Sept. 1983, more than \$500,000 has been distributed from sale of the donations of merchandise to the store. ▼

Davies Needs Volunteer Haircutters

Ralph K. Davies Hospital is seeking barbers or hair stylists to volunteer their services for persons with AIDS.

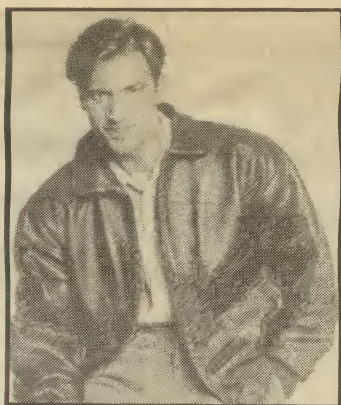
Anyone able to help out on a case-by-case basis should call Katherine Henderson, volunteer coordinator, at 565-6374.

Correction

The byline for last week's Arts and Entertainment interview with Lance Loud was inadvertently omitted. The writer of the piece was Brandon Judell. The B.A.R. regrets the error. ▼

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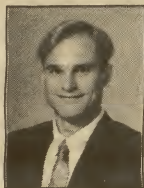
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Petition Urges FDA Speedup Of New AIDS Drug Approval

by Dave Gilden

David Kessler, the Food and Drug Administration's new commissioner, this week faced mounting pressure to streamline the procedures governing AIDS drug approval.

Supporting a widespread call for quick licensing of alternatives to AZT, two local groups, the Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights and the Community Consortium, joined together to petition the FDA concerning ddl and ddC.

The Community Consortium is an association of nearly 200 health-care providers who treat the majority of HIVers in the Bay Area. Its goal is to enable these providers to evaluate promising treatments, and its physician-based drug trials program has served as a model for similar efforts elsewhere in the country.

BAPHR also has around 200 members and, as an organization focusing on medical care for the gay community, has been actively involved in the AIDS epidemic from the very beginning.

The two organizations previously have been reluctant to back immediate action on ddl and ddC, which are undergoing advanced testing by their manufacturers.

But now, the consortium's

chairman, Donald Abrams, M.D., says, "The consortium is frustrated by the lack of alternatives to AZT. One hundred thousand people with HIV infections may outlive the drug's usefulness."

The petition's importance is that it is an official legal document to which the FDA must respond. Its prestige is heightened by the fact that professional medical groups drew it up.

Formerly, the initiative for the ddl-ddC campaign came from activist groups like ACT UP and Project Inform, who called for the antivirals' licensing by the beginning of this year.

Licensing advocates warned that a crisis was coming to a head as more and more people could no longer tolerate AZT's toxic effects on the bone marrow and muscles.

The human immunodeficiency virus also was said to be becoming increasingly resistant to AZT in individuals with more than one year's history of taking the medication.

The petition asks the FDA to issue a formal request for new drug applications from ddl and ddC's manufacturers, Bristol-Myers and Hoffman-LaRoche, respectively.

The applications are to be received by Feb. 1, and the FDA is to reach a decision on

marketing approval by March 1, "exercising the broadest flexibility in applying statutory standards of safety and effectiveness," according to the petition.

Its signers say that "we anticipate that an evaluation of the interim data from the large Phase II trials of ddl and ddC will affirm the therapeutic benefits that have been reported (during earlier testing)."

In its final section, the petition extends its recommendation that the FDA use "the broadest flexibility" on drug licensing decisions to include all drugs against retroviruses like HIV.

"Proof of prolongation of life is not a statutory requisite for approval," the petition states. "Furthermore, it is neither necessary nor expedient to require evidence that the new drug is superior or even equivalent to other approved drugs."

This call for the FDA to drastically change its ways comes at a time of particular uncertainty in the agency.

Two weeks ago the head of the FDA's antiviral division suddenly stepped down, citing the unaccustomed political pressures her position was now subject to.

The FDA's stance on ddl and ddC so far has been en-

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Cramer Honored In Rotunda

by Dennis Conkin

"An Evening to Remember Bob Cramer," held at the City Hall Rotunda on Dec. 28, drew about 200 people to honor the late gay luminary who died Dec. 8 of AIDS complications.

As third emperor of the Imperial Court, a gay social group, Cramer founded the Cable Car Awards in 1974.

The evening, which included a color guard from the San Francisco Police and Sheriff's departments and a theatrical procession of dignitaries down the building's ornate staircase to the Rotunda, lasted about an hour and a half.

Among the participants were Mayor Art Agnos, omnipresent state Sen. Milton Marks, President of the Board of Supervisors Harry Britt, Supervisor Richard Hongisto and Lt. Connie O'Connor of the San Francisco Sheriff's Department.

Also participating in the event were Jose Sarria (better known as the Widow Norton), Rikki Streicher, Larry Epipinette, Heidi Downard of the Cable Car Board of Directors and others.

The event featured a music solo by Tony White, selections from the Lesbian and Gay Chorus and tributes to Cramer from a variety of speakers.

One of the pioneers of the city's lesbian and gay community, Cramer was a member of the board of directors of the Society for Individual Rights, the Pride Foundation



Lesbian/Gay Chorus sings at "An Evening to Remember Bob Cramer."

(Photo: Rick Gerhardt)

and the San Francisco Band Foundation.

A former president of the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club, Cramer was also a founding member of the Coits Social Club, the first gay social club in San Francisco.

A barber by profession, Cramer owned and operated King's Court Barber Shop on Market Street. He was also the concession manager for

the Curran and Paramount theatres.

During the event honoring Cramer, O'Connor, who is a member of the San Francisco Rec and Parks Commission, announced that a grove of trees in Golden Gate Park would be named and dedicated in Cramer's honor.

Cramer is survived by a sister and two brothers, and many nieces and nephews. ▼

Same-Sex Categories

'Tribune' Carrying Voice Personals

by Keith Clark

The *Oakland Tribune* has become one of the first mainstream daily newspapers to set up a 900-number voice mail personal classified ad service, called LINX.

During the past few years several leading gay publications in the U.S., including the *Bay Area Reporter*, began offering classified advertisers voice-mail personals ads.

The ads are not only published but also put on a voice-mail service that allows people to call a special 900-number, listen to the ads and respond to those that interest them.

Advertisers can also, using a special code number, call in and listen to responses to their ads as well. There is a charge to call the 900-numbers, either to leave a message for an advertiser or to hear responses to your own ad.

But mainstream dailies — at least until recently — have shied away from the voice-mail personal ad market because of its associations with some of the steamy sexually oriented telephone lines, many of which also use 900-numbers.

Earlier in 1990 *New York Newsday* began offering a similar voice-mail ad service, but so far most daily papers have not followed suit.

The *Tribune* began offering its LINX personal classified ad service on Dec. 27 with categories not only for "Women Seeking Men" and

"Men Seeking Women," but also for "Women Seeking Women" and "Men Seeking Men."

There are also categories for hobbyists, sports players and travelers.

The *Tribune* LINX personal ads cost a minimum of \$35 to run for seven days in the paper and callers who use the LINX voice-mail 900-number are charged 99 cents per minute on their phone bills to answer.

Advertisers who also want their personals to appear on the voice-mail system must call the 900-number as well, with the same 99-cents-per-minute rate, to record their message.

The *Bay Area Reporter's* "Bar Talk" voice-mail service, unlike the *Tribune's* and many gay publications, does not charge to place the ads; only respondents who call the special 900-number to answer an ad pay.

Mario Ruberte of the *Tribune's* classified advertising department said the paper's personals weren't likely to become as raunchy as some 900-number systems because the paper had contracted with a telephone voice-mail firm that closely monitors its ads.

"The company that is carrying the voice mail for us is governed by the FCC, so they do check the replies as well as the greetings," Ruberte said.

He also pointed out that *Tribune* readers, as with most dailies, don't buy the paper specifically looking for sleazy ads. ▼



Queer Nation SHOP members proclaim 1991 the year of the queer at Cupertino's Valco Mall on Dec. 29. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

Queer Nation Shoppers Zap Santa Clara County Mall

by Allen White

Singing "It's a Queer World After All," more than 50 gay men and lesbians moved exuberantly through the Valco Shopping Center in Santa Clara County on Dec. 29.

The event was another of the monthly excursions by SHOP, the Suburban Homosexual Outreach Project of

Queer Nation.

In the last few months SHOP members have made their way into the Sun Valley Mall in Concord, the Hillsdale Shopping Center in San Mateo and the San Francisco Centre, which houses Nordstrom.

"We are going deeper into enemy territory than ever before," said Jonathan Katz, one of the primary organizers of

this community action.

Many of those participating boarded a CalTrain in San Francisco for the journey. They decorated one of the train cars with streamers.

At the Sunnyvale train station four police cars and several Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies greeted the group. The officers said they were only there to protect the

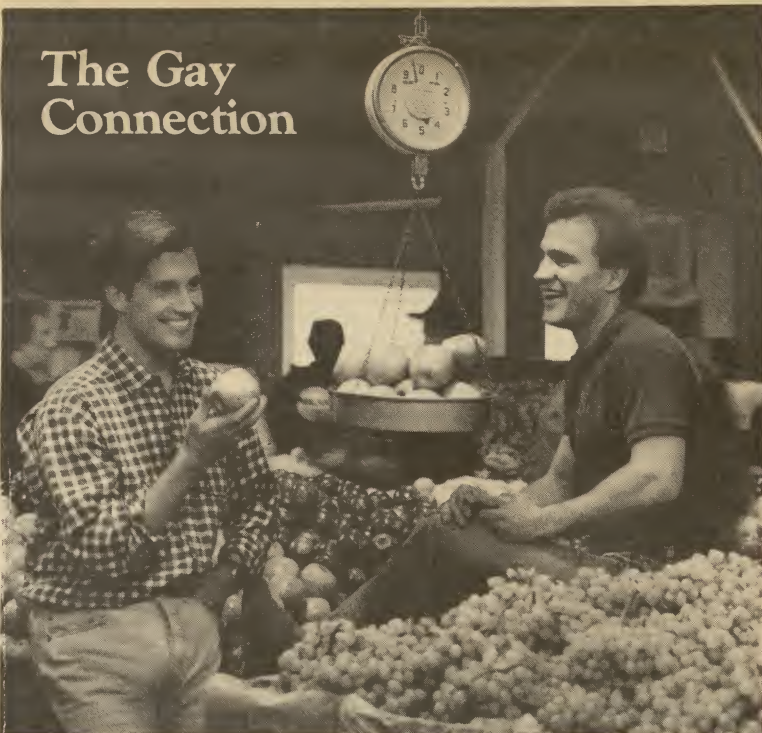
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EDITORIAL

Bob Cramer: One Hell of a Man

How does one encapsulate almost 30 years of friendship and camaraderie into a couple of hundred words? It is truly difficult.

It was in the early '60s when I first met Bob Cramer. He was working at The White House and it was closing down. San Francisco in these halcyon days was wild and crazy. Most of the city's gay bars were either in the Tenderloin or North Beach, and Halloween was truly "the" gay holiday. The bars would decorate and strive to outdo each other with cash prizes, stages, flood lights, brass bands, runways and huge crowds. Why? Because the great parade of buses, limousines, trucks and even horse-drawn carriages was about to commence. This was truly a spectacle worthy of Cecil B. DeMille. It was in this atmosphere that Bob Cramer first began to show his flair for show business. He was part of a group (The Coits) who would all come in a theme chosen by the group, and he was truly one of the city's most glamorous and beautiful drags. His camp name at this time was Carnation, given because of his habit of passing out this flower to his ardent admirers.

Bob wound up working with me for one or two nights a week as a waiter as he went to barber school during the day. This was to become his vocation for the rest of his life. This job was to be his base to keep his pulse on the many aspects of this community. He probably heard more gossip and dirt about everyone, but he was a good listener and seldom repeated anything. Being a barber gave him the flexible hours he needed to do all that he would or could for the gay community. He was never one to shy away from a worthwhile cause for the community. Whatever he did, he did with éclat and had an incredible drive to do the best that he could in whatever the project was. When Bobby put his mind to it no one worked harder than he. The proof of this became obvious when he became the third Emperor of San Francisco. He was very proud of this title and started to use it for myriad community fundraisers. His reign became an example for all imperial titleholders to emulate. His court was called the "Cable Car" and it was during this time that the Cable Car Awards were born. From the first one at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel to the large gatherings that are now common, this was his crowning achievement.

No stranger to politics, Bob was also a president of the Alice B. Toklas Club. A good friend of Harvey Milk, he helped to raise money for his elections. He was also instrumental in helping in the first successful election efforts of Dick Hongisto to become San Francisco Sheriff. He marched, picketed, handed out flyers for candidates and did whatever was necessary to help elect the candidates of his choice.

When it became apparent that the AIDS crisis was going to be with us for a long time, Bobby rolled up his sleeves and began to raise money for various groups to help alleviate the suffering and the horror that is now commonplace. By this time he had gathered around him staunch allies and friends, and he had no qualms about using them in his various fundraising activities. He also began to go to many hospitals and cut hair and shave persons with AIDS, without charge of course. He also volunteered his own body for experimental drug trials and treatment. Bob's lover Peter was diagnosed with AIDS a couple of years ago, and his roommate Joel



Bob Cramer, Emperor III A.N.

was diagnosed soon after. He then did much to ease the lives of these two persons who were closest to him. His own diagnosis of AIDS came about a year afterward.

After the death of Peter early last year Bob's mood changed, and when Joel died Bobby seemed to give up. He was, however, quite vocal and active up until he slipped into a coma before dying.

How does one speak about all the good times, the bad times, the highs and the lows? What do I do about finding a new barber? How can one talk about all the arguments — some violent, some funny in retrospect? Many thought Bobby arrogant, but this was a facade to keep folks at bay until he got to know them better. I even remember getting a haircut and not speaking to each other. This is how strong and binding our friendship had become. We were both short-tempered and thought nothing of shouting at one another. The sad thing about all of this is that the person you could share these memories with is now gone.

But to look on the bright side, I had the pleasure of knowing and loving this sweetheart of a man. I sincerely hope that if there is an afterwards we can meet again and continue where we left off. It was one of life's greatest pleasures to know you. Good God, Bobby, I do miss you!

—Bob Ross

GUEST OPINION

Child-Rearing Problems

I am addressing the article concerning Continuum (*B.A.R.*, Dec. 13, "City, State Investigating Continuum"). In the financial district businessmen refer to "birthing" a corporation. It takes about nine months to get the paperwork done and the jobs in place to start large business endeavors. Businessmen even go through the "terrible twos." And in their teens, most businesses really need a lot of money, cars, proms, PR, advertising, etc.

For us, it started as gay pride and became a reality as gay men and lesbians created organizations to not only confront the largest medical crisis this last half of the century, but, not having children, we were able to add our compassion and the inherent love in the procreative process toward our own who were suffering. In essence, the gay community has birthed many children of compassion, but it seems we have forgotten some of the problems of child-rearing.

So Continuum was born and has had all the problems normal to a new organization tackling a community racked with disease, addiction and battle fatigue. I came in as a participant losing the use of my legs due to progressive neuropathy. They opened their doors and hearts to me.

Sure, there were drug addicts there. Our community has a nihilistic problem with dependency and self-destruction from being outsiders for so long. And sure, there were some hateful queens there, thrown out of every other HIV organization because they simply hadn't decided to be, or wanted to be healthy yet. And there are still a lot of us who don't know the difference between a plumber and a lover. Or that real love and commitment heal.

In fact, our community has earned quite a reputation of being

hateful and bitter people to ourselves during this crisis, and even the straight community has argued with me about this. I feel hurt and disappointed, because a lot of it is true.

In my eight years with HIV, I have seen the worst and the best in this epidemic. A father flying in from Boston hours before his son died to tell him he hated him for being a homosexual and he was disowned. I've seen gays exhaust the estates of their families and their dying lovers for their own aggrandizement and personal revenge, while introducing their lover (on a respirator) to their new replacement in a vengeful manner. But I have also seen us give birth to organizations for those dying from AIDS that have set the pattern for this world's compassion and have seen us give our best efforts to provide authentic care for the disabled and the dying.

This Damien Stein fellow doesn't know anything about beginnings or birthing organizations. And, in my opinion, I watched him boss around PWAs with dementia like they were inconveniences in his vegetable garden, or ridicule a recreation director doing the best she could during the beginnings of a new organization starting with difficult clients. I find his complaints somewhat on the order of a disgruntled person in the wrong career.

The state and city agencies have been investigating Continuum in response to Mr. Stein's complaints, as required by law for a licensed health care agency. It is a privilege to be investigated by the state and the city; they care enough to see we do our best.

If I got on a roll, there is *not one* AIDS organization in this town that didn't go through some strange growing pains that would burn your ears, and anyone involved knows this to be true.

There are now straights, women and children with AIDS, and our gayness has to grow to include *everyone* with AIDS.

Complaints against Continuum? "Frankly Scarlett, I don't give a damn!"

—Alex Rasch

LETTERS

Incorrect Conclusion

★ On Dec. 13 your headline ("Guards Allegedly Beat Up PWA") accused the security personnel at the Department of Social Services of allegedly beating up a person with AIDS. The lead-in states that he was beaten "close to the Department of Social Services."

In this case, you jumped to a conclusion that our preliminary investigation shows is not necessarily warranted. The security personnel were not the assailants nor is there any evidence that they were even indirectly involved in the assault.

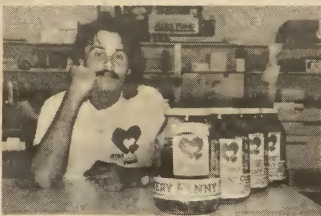
You based your conclusion on the fact that the assailants warned the person "not to fuck with their people," assuming they meant the security personnel. Another equally plausible explanation is that the assailants were referring to the "people" who waited in line and were angry because somebody got special privileges.

This incident highlights the difficulty of trying to provide services in a facility that is inadequate to meet the needs of our clients. We serve an average of 600 persons a day in a building whose waiting room can only accommodate 150 persons. Consequently, people have to wait in line outside the building until we can see them.

These are less than ideal conditions which sometimes cause tempers to flare. Fortunately, the Board of Supervisors recently approved a lease for a larger building that will have adequate waiting rooms for our clients.

Julia I. Lopez, General Manager
Department of Social Services
City and County of San Francisco

Ed. Note: The headline on the article Julia Lopez is referring to was somewhat confusing. Jean Harris, an aide to Supervisor Harry Britt, says she was physically attacked by Department of Social Services security guards while trying to assist a PWA. The person with AIDS was attacked not by guards but by people who were in line at the 12th and Harrison office.



Stolen Donations

★ Earlier this year my friend and co-worker, Kevin Gage, died of complications resulting from AIDS. He was a good bookseller, a beautiful young gay black man and a good friend. In tribute to him, a memorial display was set up in Stacey's Sacramento Street store. In keeping with his wishes, donations were accepted for Project Open Hand.

On Dec. 10, some time after six in the evening, the bowl containing those donations, with some two to three hundred dollars in it, was stolen. There is little or no hope of ever recovering that money.

I would ask any of your readers who might be planning to make a donation to Project Open Hand during the holiday season to do so in Kevin Gage's name.

To those customers of Stacey's who put money or checks into the bowl in our store, I can only offer my thanks and my sincerest apologies regarding the loss of those funds.

Brad Craft, Manager
Stacey's Bookstore
San Francisco

Stop the Poisoning

★ When is the gay community going to wake up around AIDS?

In 1990, it's embarrassingly obvious to a growing number of people that HIV as "the deadly AIDS virus" represents the biggest (and most tragic) incident of medical/governmental fraud yet to have occurred in the latter 20th century.

In fact, Dr. Peter Duesberg — world-renowned virologist and a researcher at UC Berkeley — has this to say about the absurdity that HIV causes anything at all: "If my critics will arrange for sufficient national publicity, I will gladly have myself publicly injected with HIV."

I hope people understand the implications of Duesberg's statement in light of two facts: (1) na-

tional and international medical and governmental policies are now in effect as laws around a virus that has never been proven to cause anything, and, (2) 50,000 men (mostly gay) and women have been brainwashed/terrorized into poisoning themselves with a drug (AZT) that ends life! (AZT is a DNA terminator.)

If people really knew (or cared) about what AZT does, the drug would be outlawed.

By the way, those who choose to commit a "medically correct" and "socially acceptable" form of suicide by taking AZT have the perfect cover — the "side effects" of AZT poisoning mimic AIDS symptoms. In two to three years many may very well die of iatrogenesis (doctor induced disease), but their deaths will be blamed on HIV — or more specifically — antibodies to HIV.

(Medical) genocide can only happen in the presence of absolute denial. The parallels between AIDS in America and fascism in Hitler's Nazi Germany are uncanny. Denial is the emotional state most gay men (and people in general) hold around the true causes of AIDS (causes which are largely handled by making lifestyle and behavioral changes). Most gay men (with or without AIDS symptoms) are in so much emotional pain/denial around their lives and the fact that they were brutally tortured, abused, betrayed and abandoned by their parents, their families and society, that they would rather delude themselves into believing they're dying because of some mythical virus when they're actually dying of loneliness, anxiety and despair. In 1990, it's a "scientific fact" that our thoughts can kill us.

HIV as AIDS is the medical Watergate of the latter 20th century. Politically it stinks. Medically it stinks. Culturally it stinks. More and more people are beginning to realize this and are demanding a full-scale public investigation of what, quite literally, is turning out to be a (medical) fairy tale. Ultimately, it will be discovered that AIDS is less a virus and more a state of mind.

Meanwhile, those who continue to perpetuate the myth that HIV is "the deadly AIDS virus" have blood on their hands and will be tried as war criminals once the truth about AIDS is finally brought to light. Brainwashing may be an excuse for an absence of gray in one's gray matter. It's not, however, an excuse for an absence of ethics or accountability. So far there has been neither. There has been only brainwashing.

I suggest the gay community pull its collective head out of the sand and move beyond denial. I suggest we put the gray back in our gray matter.

Let's stop acting up and start acting out. Let's stop demanding more poisons/drugs and start demanding ethical science — if there is such a thing — here, in post modern America.

Let's start demanding the truth. But most of all, let's stop conspiring in our own demise.

Dr. Michael Ward, Chiropractor
San Francisco

Throwing Stones

The following letter was sent to Archbishop John Quinlan.

★ John Paul II has condemned homosexuality as an "intrinsic evil." Now you bishops have modified that position. Homosexuality you finally acknowledge is natural. Ergo, "What is natural cannot be a sin." You say, "Only the practice of it is a sin." What exactly are you saying? In the vernacular: It is o.k. to be a cock sucker, but do not suck cock.

If one is not practicing any form of sex, they are either asexual or celibate. They are not hetero, homo, bi or autosexual. People are by nature homosexual, heterosexual, bisexual or autosexual. If the reason for this diversity is not at the present clear, it is because God has not yet seen fit to reveal the why of it.

The question that arises in my mind is this: Are there men, aside from those who may have some physical deformity, who are by nature asexual? Are there men who have never had a nocturnal emission, never masturbated, never ejaculated or had a sexual experience with another living being? Are there men who have never had the desire to experience sex? If such men exist, they are truly asexual and that is a natural state for them.

If one does have a sex drive and suppresses it, he is celibate. That is an unnatural state of being. It is a denial of the natural order of things. What is natural is so by the will of God. What is an unnatural act by a man is action contrary to the will of God.

Anything that is contrary to the will of God is a sin. It would bode well for John Paul II, his bishops and priests to begin a time of introspection. To heed well the word of Jesus to "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone."

Raymond F. Thompson
Albany, CA

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LETTERS



Garbo Garbage

★ My attention has been drawn to an article about Greta Garbo (B.A.R., Dec. 6), a report I find somewhat surprising. Writer Warren Sonbert states that Garbo even had "a fling with Dietrich." That's news to me. I would be interested to know Sonbert's sources for this claim, which I think are (using a phrase of Sonbert's) "innuendos bent to appear as facts."

I was married to Dietrich's daughter, Maria, and at no time did I ever hear (nor have I since read elsewhere) that Garbo had an affair with Marlene. In fact, I was told that Garbo and Dietrich only met face to face on one occasion — when Garbo came to call on John Gilbert and Marlene answered the door. Very upset, Garbo refused to come into the house and insisted that Gilbert meet with her outside in her car. Marlene cooled her heels inside and when Gilbert returned, after Garbo had chastized him for being with her rival, Marlene left. It was then that Gilbert suffered his much-publicized "heart attack." Actually, he was drinking and fell into his empty swimming pool. Marlene was guilt-ridden for a long time afterward because she believed that if she had stayed with Gilbert perhaps the accident wouldn't have happened.

In the mid-'40s Darryl Zanuck was interested in making a film called *Dark Eyes*, based on a Broadway play of the same title. He wanted Garbo and Dietrich to appear together. This might have been a sensational teaming, but while Dietrich was willing, Garbo was not. The picture was never made.

I also dispute Sonbert's claim that "Garbo was icy toward everyone." I never met the lady, though I was once invited to attend a Hollywood party where she was a guest. Friends told me later that she was relaxed, charming and very funny. True, she was a private person, but she could be very warm and loving with people she trusted. I have heard this from several sources.

I agree with Sonbert that Dietrich had a range that was not properly appreciated. She was nominated once for an Oscar, for her first American film *Morocco*, and she should have been nominated also for *Witness For The Prosecution*, but somehow her beauty always kept her acting talents from being properly recognized. I do not agree that Garbo was "just OK within her limitations" as Sonbert says. Many of us feel that Garbo was the greatest actress the screen has produced. Her performances were deeply human, warm and appealing, and she often revealed a keen sense of humor.

A writer named Donald Spoto, who has published biographies of Tennessee Williams, Alfred Hitchcock, Preston Sturges and has just completed a new biography of Laurence Olivier, is also working on a biography of Dietrich. He came here a few months ago to interview me and out of my respect for his work I have been more candid with him than I have been in other interviews about Dietrich and my marriage to her daughter. Before writing this letter I called Spoto in Hollywood to ask him if, in all of his scrupulous research on Marlene, he had come across any evidence that Garbo had a "fling" with her. He said that he had not.

Dean Goodman
 San Francisco

Unique Program

★ I am writing to let you know about a unique new program now being offered for gay/lesbian clients who are chemically dependent and/or have an eating disorder.

Parkside Lodge-Westgate (4601 Interstate 35 North, Denton, TX 76201; (817) 565-8100) is a specialty hospital for the treatment of alcoholism, drug addiction and related problems, which has been serving North Texas for more than 10 years.

We have traditionally emphasized the need to respond to special populations by setting up individualized programs to help them fully participate in Alcoholics Anonymous and other 12-step groups. In recent years, we have become acutely aware of the fact that no Texas program specifically addresses the needs of the gay/lesbian client who is chemically dependent or has an eating disorder.

In January 1990, the Gay/Lesbian Program for Chemical Dependency/Eating Disorders opened at Parkside Lodge-Westgate. The program is designed to assure the client that their individual needs will be respected and that they can safely share problems related to their lifestyle without negative consequences. We see the program as an accurate representation of real-life situations in which gay and non-gay individuals learn to support each other in recovery, address homophobia as an unavoidable issue and deal with other issues related to the gay lifestyle. Our gay and lesbian patients receive support through focus groups in the treatment center and by networking with recovering gay alumni of the program.

Amy J. Swetnam, MS, Clinical Director
 Parkside Lodge-Westgate
 Denton, TX

PAWS Misusing Funds

The following letter was sent to the Board of Directors of PAWS.

★ As a founding board member of Pets Are Wonderful Support and one of the first recipients of a cat companion-for-life, I must express my outrage when I saw the numbers in the most recent pitch literature.

Indeed, I have been getting more and more upset with the high quality of these promotional materials because I know what it costs to produce them. Then, when I saw that you had spent \$51,740 on non-client services, I'm at a loss for words because I'm so tired of parasites in gay causes.

A parasite is one who chooses an "alternative" lifestyle, which is then supported by the charity industry where, we all know, there's bucks to be made. Who are you? You are (1) the monied patrons who just write checks and feel good; (2) you are the idealistic volunteers who do the shit work and feel good; and (3) — sitting pretty in the middle — YOU are the parasites who sit warm and self-righteous and live good.

Hey, if anyone is making their living off of PAWS, they qualify for the title. Parasites also work for Shanti, United Way, Heart Association, Red Cross, etc.

Everytime I put a piece of food down for Purr-burger I am supporting PAWS, every vet visit — I am supporting PAWS. The fact that there has never once been any acknowledgment of my (and all the other animal keepers) never-ending service is indicative of where PAWS' head is. The recent Xmas party was not it.

Some back-to-square-one thinking is in order. Priorities need to be re-examined. PAWS needs money to help clients and animals? If you have \$51,740 going to printers, typesetters, paste-up people, postage meters, office managers, staff — it doesn't look to me as if PAWS truly needs money. I will continue to support PAWS at every turn and I refuse to subsidize this misguided class act with cash. I am not alone.

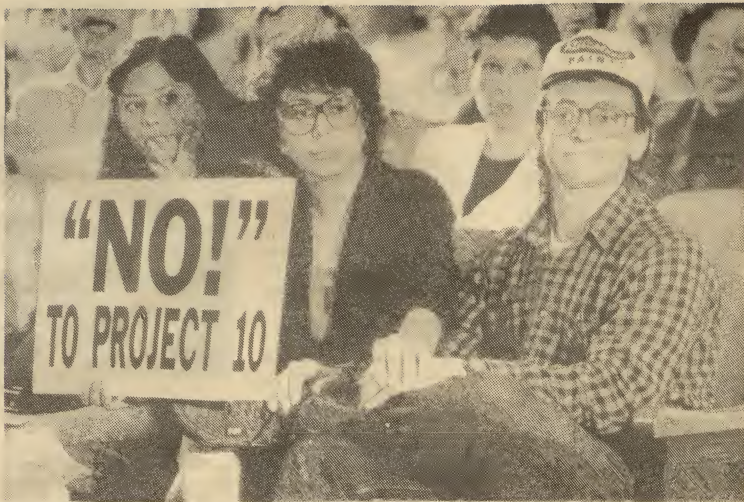
Richard Piro
 San Francisco

Thanks to Restaurants

★ As the program manager for the San Francisco City Clinic AIDS Research Study, I would like to publicly thank all the restaurants who donated prizes for our research study participants. \$1,000 in dinner gift certificates were raffled off at a forum on HIV Disease on Dec. 5. Several of our study participants will be enjoying "dinners for two" at Campton Place, Chez Panisse, China Moon Cafe, Fourth Street Grill, The Galleon, Hayes St. Grill, Ivy's, Leticia's, Monsoon, Postrio, Square One, Zola's and Zuni Cafe, thanks to the generosity of these restaurants.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the study participants who have given of themselves time and time again toward research on hepatitis B and HIV disease during the past 10 to 12 years through this research project.

Paul O'Malley, "City Clinic Study"
 San Francisco Dept. of Public Health



San Francisco schools' gay program encounters opposition at a May School Board meeting.
(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

Year

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1989 ruling that O'Connell did not die from the blows by the assailants but from head injuries when he fell to the street after he was slapped and punched by the men. The charges were reduced from second degree murder to manslaughter.

Charges that four San Francisco Police Inspectors failed to adequately investigate the 1987 homicide of George Smoot were unanimously dismissed by the Police Commission. Smoot, a 52-year-old aerospace engineer, was stabbed to death on Nov. 28, 1987, in his Brussels Street home by Kali Smith. Smith, who was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to a term in a California Youth Authority facility, confessed that he killed Smoot in the heat of passion after Smoot tried to molest his sister. Smith also alleged that Smoot tried to molest him earlier the same day.

In 1989 the Office of Citizen Complaints sustained charges of conduct reflecting discredit on the department against four officers, following complaints of Bill Paul, a local gay activist, on behalf of the Stonewall and Alice B Toklas Gay Democratic Club. The OCC report charged that inspectors stopped collecting evidence and investigating the case because Smith alleged he had been molested and instead began trying to

prove that Smoot had molested Smith. In voting to dismiss the case lesbian Police Commissioner Gwenn Craig said that the Police Department had never been able to show the officers had acted in a way to bring discredit on the department and had continued to investigate the case after they learned Smoot was gay.

San Francisco Police Chief Frank Jordan reorganized the command structures at the Police Department. Deputy Chief Willis Casey, a 28-year-veteran of the department, became assistant chief of police. Commander Fred Lau became deputy chief for operations. Lau filled the post vacated by Jordan's brother, Jack Jordan, who resigned rather than face disciplinary charges related to his handling of the Oct. 6 police action in the Castro District.

After five years as the head of the city's Department of Public Health, David Werdegard, M.D., announced he would leave the post Aug. 1. George Rutherford resigned as head of the Health Department's AIDS Office. Lesbian physician Sandra Hernandez was appointed to replace him. Reports circulated that Werdegard quit because of interference in the department by the Mayor's Office. Deputy Mayor Myra Snyder's name figures prominently.

The Revs. Phyllis Zillhart, Ruth Frost and Jeff Johnson were ordained as clergy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America despite

the denomination's ban on sexually active gay pastors. The three were called to serve as assistant pastors of local San Francisco congregations. The churches faced sanctions ranging from suspension to expulsion by the denomination for the action.

Shanti announced that it would join a growing boycott of the Sixth International Conference on AIDS scheduled in June. The action was taken in opposition to the federal government's travel restrictions for people with HIV infection.

The FDA recommended the daily dosage of AZT be reduced from 1,200 milligrams to 600 milligrams because it was less toxic. The annual cost of the drug at the original dose was \$6,000 a year.

Dave Bryan, 34, became legal director of National Gay Rights Advocates after Leonard Graff left the post. Bryan assumed his position following months of turmoil at the agency, including the abrupt termination of attorneys Ben Schatz and Cynthia Goldstein by the agency's board and the subsequent resignation of Executive Director Jean O'Leary amidst charges of mismanagement and staff abuse.

The election of the Rev. Lloyd Mashore to the Concord City Council was challenged by opponents who said that he was not a legal resident of the city when he ran for the post of City Councilman.

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The Mint's Great Tricycle Race in May.

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Democratic Party Disarray

It is already 1991, there is a presidential election next year and the Democrats don't have a candidate. In just about any other year, Democratic presidential would-be galore would be long ago traipsing through New Hampshire, Iowa and a number of other primary states, lining up delegate support, but not this time.

Political logic says that the 1992 presidential campaign should have begun months ago, but where are the Democratic candidates to oppose George Bush? There aren't any.

Oh, sure, House Leader Richard Gephardt is thinking of going back on his promise not to seek the presidency again, and Tennessee's Albert Gore probably could be talked into another try. And of course, Jesse Jackson is sitting in Washington hoping that someone asks him to run once again. But with George Bush, having pushed the country into a recession and to the brink of war, what are the Democrats waiting for?

Well, it seems they are really waiting for Mario Cuomo. As the *New York Times* pointed out recently, the beleaguered Democratic Party has tried just about everything in the idea of a candidate: Jimmy Carter, a moderate Southerner, in 1980; Walter Mondale, an old-style New Dealer, in 1984; and Michael Dukakis, a high-tech liberal, in 1988.

Still, the Republicans keep winning the White House. With the Bush presidency leading us to a probable war in the Middle East, increasing unemployment, and the like, the Democrats are playing dead — or nearly so. So, New York Gov. Mario Cuomo and New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley are about the best hope the Democrats have for 1992.

Maybe Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn can be talked into a candidacy. Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen would like a shot at the nomination, but he has shown no intentions of working for it.

So as the New Year gets under way, Bush, warts and all, looks like the early favorite to win the White House again — possibly by near-default.

Cuomo has, in my opinion, the best chance of winning, but even he seems reluctant to make the run.

Rumors continue in Washington that Bush will find a way to replace Dan Quayle as his '92 running mate — proba-

bly with Jack Kemp.

In politics they say you can't beat somebody with nobody, but the Democratic Party looks more and more like it is willing to try.

Bush has to be breathing easier month by month as Chairman Ron Brown and the Democratic Party king-makers are trying to figure out how to get a credible campaign going. Cuomo seems in no hurry to get into the race.

Bush for another term? Let's not think about it.

The New Year

Things to look forward to — or at least hope for — in the New Year:

A real breakthrough in the AIDS epidemic; peace in the Middle East; something positive out of the Board of Supervisors now that we have a gay/lesbian caucus on that body (Carole Migden, Roberta Achtenberg, along with Harry Britt should mean a hell of an improvement on the board; and just think, we won't have to listen to Wendy Nelder and Nancy Walker any longer); Pete Wilson's replacement of the ultra-conservative, anti-gay George Deukmejian in the Governor's Office; Tom Ammann's refreshing addition on the School Board; some action out of City Hall to clean up the trash from the streets of San Francisco (it's never been worse, though it might seem minor compared to all the other problems the City is facing); another Super Bowl for the Niners; a kinder, gentler nation for us all.

People and Politics

Speaking of Deukmejian, the outgoing governor nearly broke an arm patting himself on the back during his final radio address last week. The Duke, naturally, says he did a great job during the past year, but one well-known local politico, discussing Deukmejian at the Washington Square Bar & Grill Monday, said that "Deukmejian even managed to make Jerry Brown look good, and that is no easy thing to do."

Who says homophobia and bigotry doesn't pay? Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates, as anti-gay as they come, who recently said that all casual drug users should be shot, received a \$300,000 advance last week on a new book.

Some of the local Democratic politicians who are supposed to know these things are saying that former Mayor

Joe Alioto is seriously considering a run next year for Pete Wilson's U.S. Senate seat regardless of who the new governor appoints.

Incidentally, look for lame-duck Deukmejian to appoint another lame-duck, Insurance Commissioner Roxani Gillespie, to a seat on the Superior Court this week.

And speaking of judges, why did some of the local politicians get so upset and mouth off when Judge Jerome Benson, who was defeated by Donna Hitchens, was recently re-appointed to the bench? I mean, Hitchens will make a great judge, and her victory was very important. But does the fact that Benson, who is rated a good judge as well, lost a race disqualify him from serving again?

Responding to a storm of criticism from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, General Motors has adopted a policy that prohibits discrimination against gays and lesbians, and we can thank Assessor-elect Richard Hongisto for this.

Hongisto is one of those public servants who has never wavered from his support of our community from the time he went into public life nearly 20 years ago. The guy should be mayor someday.

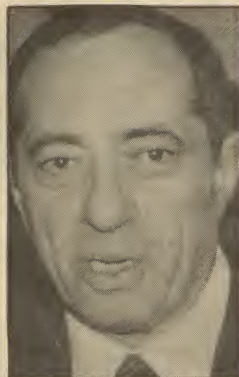
Mixed signals from Pete Wilson: just when we thought the new governor was off to a



Donna Hitchens

good start with the appointment of Douglas Wheeler, the former Sierra Club director, to serve as the state's chief environment officer, we hear that the Wilson inaugural committee has invited the notoriously anti-gay comedian Gallagher to perform at the inaugural gala.

Let's hope some of Wilson's gay Republican friends can influence the homophobic



Gov. Mario Cuomo

Gallagher to curb the "burn the fags" AIDS jokes.

In Ireland, where the country's first woman president took office last week, the government announced that homosexuality, which is still punishable by life imprisonment, would be decriminalized.

Celebs who help: Rock star Elton John in Hollywood is saying he will donate a large portion of all future record royalties to fight AIDS.

John, who donated the entire proceeds of his hit "Sacrifice" to Elizabeth Taylor's AmFAR, says that in the new year "all I really want to do now is get more involved with the AIDS fight and focus on that — everyone has one main charity and that's mine. But it's really not a charity — it's a necessity. AIDS is not just about gays. Suddenly, people realize there are children with AIDS, heterosexuals are involved, and finally, everyone is beginning to take notice."

A reader writes that San Francisco Archbishop John Quinn has said that military action to oust the Iraqi invaders from Kuwait would be "immoral."

A church that prohibits birth control and gay relationships passing on the "morality" of a turf battle in the Persian Gulf? How interesting that the Catholic Church has finally become an authority on the issue.

Suggested reading: *Bay Area Reporter* columnist Mike Hippler's *So Little Time: Essays on Gay Life* (Celestial Arts, 239 pp., \$11.95). The *San Jose Mercury News* gave the book a praising review this week, calling it one of the year's 10 best, and you shouldn't miss it.

While you still have it in mind, start the New Year off by sitting down — now — and writing a check to one of the AIDS support organizations. ▼

by Kurt Erichsen



Christmas Cards Reveal A Lot

Christmas ended more than a week ago. New Year's passed Tuesday. Yet the mail carrier is still delivering Christmas cards. Every year they seem to arrive later — friends must be too busy shopping to write — but I don't mind. It's the only time of year I receive something besides junk mail.

Most people consider cards either an obligation or an annoyance, but I appreciate the gesture, especially because it's a courtesy I do not reciprocate.

Once upon a time, I was a better correspondent. I used to write annual holiday letters — Xeroxed, naturally — until the time and expense became too great. Perhaps had I restricted my messages to less than eleven or twelve single-spaced pages, I might not have forsaken my responsibility.

As it is, in the face of my thoughtlessness, I am amazed that people still write. But write they do, and one of the major dilemmas of the holiday season is what to do with the cards I receive.

I do not display them on the fireplace mantel like so many people do — not because I am above boastfully advertising the number of friends I have but simply because I have no mantel. If I did, I would be as shallow as the next person.

Even if I do not display my cards, I enjoy looking at them from time to time. When I do, I am struck by how much my friends inad-

vertently reveal through this seemingly pointless but significant ritual.

The covers themselves tell half the story. My friends are not a particularly religious bunch. Of the 40 cards I received through last weekend, only two featured images of the Holy Family. Pictures of Santa Claus, on the other hand, adorned five of the cards.

Seasonal images such as trees, wreaths, candles and partridges outnumbered religious ones such as doves and angels three to two. Only one featured a Bible verse.

Cover slogans were equally symbolic. Half my friends wished me a "Merry Christmas," for example, but nearly as many ignored the holiday's religious aspect and offered "Season's Greetings" or "Happy Holidays" instead. Others preferred to stick to general concepts such as peace or love.

Judging from the available evidence, my friends are no more culturally or ecologically inclined than they are religiously oriented. Six cards featured museum reprints of original art; none were homemade. Three were printed on 100 percent recycled paper. None were produced by the Sierra Club.

But my friends are not totally without a political consciousness. The Leibiks sent a card from Amnesty International. The Seiders sent one from the Children's Cancer Center in Tampa, Fla. Thank God the Republican National Committee doesn't manufac-

ture Christmas cards, or I would probably have gotten one of those too — from someone in the family if from no one else.

Sometimes cover illustrations told me as much about a friend's activities as about his or her sense of values. My friend Doan, who moved to Texas last year, sent a card featuring a cowgirl boot instead of a stocking hung from the mantel.

My cousin Chuck, who flew troops to Saudi Arabia, sent a cartoon portraying the pilots of a jumbo jet splattering Santa and his sleigh. And my friend Bonnie, who accepted a position teaching Jewish women's history at Harvard Divinity School, sent a photo of herself labeled "Happy Chanukah" and signed "Jewish Feminist at Work and Play."

Personal notes, of course, were a far better way to convey information. Many of my friends restricted themselves to general news: "I'm engaged!"; "Jim has been playing sax in Switzerland for three weeks!"; and "Cathi was in the Homecoming Parade this year as an 'Etowah Elf.'"

Others commented on my own affairs. They inquired about my trip to Europe, the publication of my book or the state of my health. And most expressed wishes to "get together" or to "come visit" — as they do every year, without results.

Yet the most thorough —



and retentive — of my friends sent Xeroxed letters. Four people did that this year, and although others find the custom absurd, even inconsiderate, I find it estimable. True, group letters are usually boring, but the ones I received this year were delightful, proving, if nothing else, what an eclectic group of friends I have.

Some of the letters were as traditional as the people who sent them. A high school friend wrote, "I'm still Senior Buyer at Northside Hospital. We're now utilizing three computer systems and I'm the only one with guts enough to jump in and learn the 'meat and potatoes' of the systems."

Other friends are as liberal as that one is conservative. Noted Bonnie, the Jewish feminist at Harvard, "I spent August touring assorted women's music festivals with my one-woman, 40-minute play, 'Passing,' a performance-art critique on Jewish identity and cultural stereotyping."

Still others fly off the ideological — and rational — scale altogether. My friend Doan mused, "A couple of weeks after my return to Texas, I'd asked the Goddess where I was really supposed to be. ...This week I finished really turning myself inside out and examining everything — and decided that my personal energy is moving better in Texas."

Whatever my friends write, I never grow tired of the onslaught of mail at Christmas. I would far rather receive gifts, of course — but I can't have everything. Fortunately, due to the generosity of some friends, I sometimes receive both.

My favorite card this year, for instance, included an invitation for two to "Beach Blanket Babylon" at Club Fugazi. It wasn't as welcome as the card last year that included a \$100 gift from an anonymous donor — but almost. And in any case, it sure beat the Bible verse. ▼

Petition

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tirely blank, with the regulatory body merely claiming it has no data on the drugs with which to make a decision one way or the other.

FDA spokesman Brad Stone pointed out to the *Bay Area Reporter*, however, that in cases like AZT, which received approval in 3-1/2 months because its data was "very good," the government is prepared to move rapidly on AIDS treatments.

Bristol-Myers and Hoffman-LaRoche also report that they expect to apply to the FDA for licensing of ddI and ddC early this year in any case. And some HIVers are markedly unenthusiastic about the need for the drugs' rapid approval.

"Yeah, I could get ddI or ddC through the companies' expanded access program," one PWARC said, "but the procedures are very cumbersome and restrictive. Why bother? If I need to, I can just get ddC from the underground."

On the other hand, others note that ddC, an easily and inexpensively synthesized substance that has been available through buyers' clubs, is

now hard to come by through alternative means because of the heavy demand for AZT alternatives.

Another way to increase availability of ddI and ddC would be to enlarge the "expanded access" programs that make the drugs available outside of drug trials to severely ill people who are failing on or intolerant of AZT.

Abrams is frustrated particularly by the lack of availability to those with moderately depressed immune systems.

"Those with between 200 and 500 T cells need something beside AZT," he says.

Otherwise, their health may decline further.

But AIDS activist Jim Driscoll, another of the petition's individual signatories, feels uncomfortable with the whole expanded access procedure.

"With expanded access, the drugs are distributed for free, and companies are not going to develop treatments if they can't make any money off them," Driscoll said. "They'll just bury them rather than spend \$2 million a month on expanded access programs like Bristol-Myers is doing."

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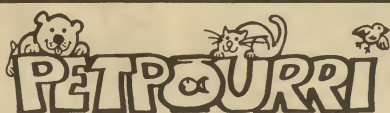
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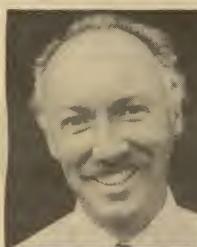
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Dykes on Bikes lead the way for the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade in June.

(Photo: Darlene/PhotoGraphics)

Year

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February

Western Union attempted to scuttle the city's Human Rights Ordinance in *Ertag vs. Western Union*. Plaintiff Armand Ertag sued the firm for discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation after he was fired. Ertag charged

threatened to force the city to divest of Western Union stock and its services.

Judge Ira Brown later in the year ruled the ordinance was valid.

More than 50 scientists, including Dr. Jonas Salk and Nobel Prize winner Harold Varmus, called on President Bush to take corrective action regarding the INS travel restrictions for people with HIV.

The *Christian Science Monitor* said it would no longer discriminate against lesbians and gays in employment. In 1981 a lesbian reporter was fired from the organization because she was a lesbian.

Contra Costa Judge Jay Pfothenauer ruled that the Rev. Lloyd Mashore's election to the Concord City Council in November 1989 was invalid because he was not a legal resident of Concord when he filed to run for the seat. Mashore said he would appeal.

Vaughn Walker was sworn in as a U.S. District Court judge. Walker is the lawyer who placed a lien on the house of the late Dr. Tom Waddell after the U.S. Olympic Committee prevailed in a lawsuit over Waddell's use of the term "Gay Olympics." Walker's nomination was opposed by political activists who charged he demonstrated bias against women and minorities by belonging to the Olympic Club, which, at the time, did not al-

Western Union attempted to scuttle the City's Human Rights Ordinance in *Ertag vs. Western Union*.

such discrimination is illegal under the ordinance. Western Union charged that the ordinance was pre-empted by state law, which did not preclude anti-gay employment discrimination.

Gay rights activists launched a boycott of the firm. The national Human Rights Campaign Fund canceled a \$300,000 annual telegram contract with the group. Supervisor Richard Hongisto



Activists occupy Nordstrom at San Francisco.



Mobilization Against AIDS AIDS Candlelight March in May.

(Photo: Rick Gerhart)

low women membership and discriminated against blacks.

Former San Francisco Mayor Dianne Feinstein kicked off her campaign for governor.

Andy Rooney, CBS *60 Minutes* commentator, was suspended for homophobic and racist remarks.

The U.S. Senate approved the Hate Crimes Statistic Act. The bill directs the Justice Department to collect and report on crimes motivated by bias based on race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation.

Following documentation in *Lancet*, a British medical journal, there is growing belief that Kaposi's sarcoma is not related to AIDS but another sexually transmitted virus.

March

Dr. Robert Gallo, a pioneer AIDS researcher, claimed that a cure had been discovered for Kaposi's sarcoma and declared that co-fac-

tors influenced the development of AIDS in people infected with HIV.

Jerry De Jong, program manager of the Health Department's HIV Early Intervention Services, resigned his post after less than a year. De Jong blasted the department for a "cumbersome bureaucracy" and recommending that people get tested for HIV but providing little in the way of access to health care for people without insurance.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force joined the boycott of the Sixth International AIDS Conference.

Eight weeks after he was appointed to the post, NGRA Legal Director Dave Bryan abruptly resigned from the \$50,000 a year post. NGRA attorney Ben Schatz revealed he had been asked his HIV status by board President Richard White during termination health insurance settlement negotiations. HIV status is confidential under local and



David Werdegard

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps demanded that James Holobaugh, 25, a senior at Washington University in St. Louis, return a \$25,000 scholarship after he realized he was gay and reported his sexual orientation to ROTC officials.

The 1990 Census, which began in March, included a question to count the number of lesbian and gay couples across the country. The relationship section of the survey included the designation "unmarried partner," along with "roommate/housemate" and "roomer/boarder" and other designations.

Andy Rooney was back on the air following his suspension for homophobic and racist remarks.

The National Institutes of Health began an investigation into the charges that Robert Gallo stole the AIDS virus from French researchers. Reporters and others familiar with the history of AIDS believed Gallo's discovery of the AIDS virus occurred only after French researchers sent him samples of their AIDS virus. Both were genetically identical.

The Bay Area Reporter broke a story about an interview with Richard Chamberlain in a French magazine. In the article Chamberlain claimed that he was gay and "tired of pretending." Chamberlain's publicist denied the story and said he was straight, but the "outing" craze continued. Tabloids and newspapers reported that Richard Pryor's son was a drag queen, that Kristy McNichol, John Travolta and other

entertainers were either lesbian or gay. The debate about the practice continued in the gay community.

April

Local civil and welfare rights activists were stunned by revelations that Department of Social Services workers routinely performed illegal warrant checks on applicants and set them up for arrest in DSS offices. The revelations followed disclosures that DSS workers routinely released confidential client information to local law enforcement officers.

President Bush signed the Hate Crimes Statistics Act. Bush included the term "sexual orientation" in describing the scope of the bill.

Gossip maven and Outlook Editor Michaelangelo Signorile punched out an audience member of the syndicated TV talk show Geraldo after the man told him that he was going to die of AIDS. The Geraldo show topic was on the subject of outing.

AIDS scientist Robert Gallo retreated from his claim of a cure for Kaposi's. Gallo said the compound he referred to earlier was in the early stages of development and apologized for raising hope prematurely.

ACT UP announced a boycott of Marlboro cigarettes, owned by Philip Morris Inc., the largest corporate campaign contributor to the reelection efforts of Jesse Helms (R-NC).

Steven Goble, a prostitute who earlier revealed that he had a relationship with U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), was arrested for possession of marijuana and felony destruction of property after a traffic accident. Goble had been



Lutheran ministers are ordained in January.

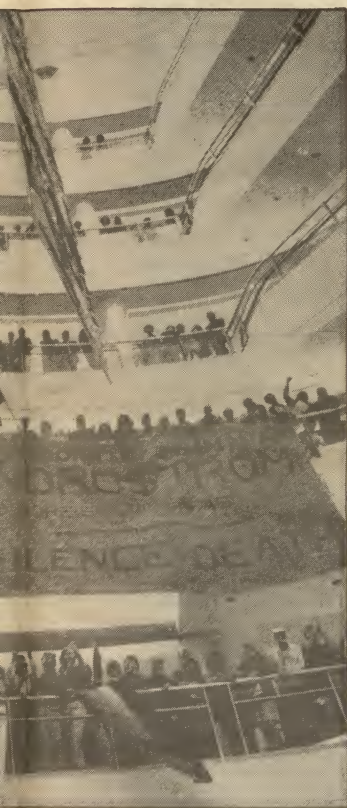
(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

May

First lady Barbara Bush put candles in the White House as part of the annual AIDS Candlelight Memorial. Dozens of cities around the nation and world held marches to remember those who have died of AIDS.

About 60 activists from Stop AIDS Now or Else occupied the Northern California

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San Francisco Centre in June.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

state law and cannot be used in employment decision or to determine health insurance benefits.

The FDA approved a community-based research trial of Compound Q by Project Inform, a year after the group ran an underground trial of the drug without bothering to get FDA approval. The study would include 35 patients from the San Francisco area.

Two of the three men convicted of second degree murder in the 1984 death of John O'Connell and released in January after the conviction was reduced to manslaughter were in trouble with the law. One was held on auto theft charges. Another was a fugitive after assaulting a man in a Vallejo bar.

Phase 1 trials of an experimental HIV vaccine began in San Francisco and Los Angeles. About 24 healthy HIV negative volunteers were to be inoculated with the vaccine, HPG-30.



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GM Issues Anti-Bias Policy That Covers Gays, Lesbians

by Keith Clark

Executives at the General Motors Corp. in Detroit have issued a policy directive clarifying its employment practices concerning lesbians and gay men.

GM was at the center of a controversy last year in which a GM video referred to Japanese imports as "some little faggot truck."

The policy statement, which was issued by R.F. O'Brien, vice president of industrial relations, and G. A. Knechtel, vice president of personnel administration and development at GM, says, in part:

"General Motors policy on Equal Employment Opportunity requires that we treat all people with dignity and respect and prohibits discrimination of any kind, including that based on sexual orientation. All employees are expected to deal fairly and honestly with one another to ensure a work environment free of intimidation and harassment. Abuse of the dignity of anyone through slurs or other derogatory or objectionable conduct, including that based on sexual orientation, is offensive employee behavior and has no place in General Motors."

In August 1990, GM showed a four-minute promotional video in Nashville,

Tenn., and later in Detroit, based on taped interviews with more than 500 Chevrolet auto and truck owners.

In one segment, a Chevy truck owner says, "There isn't no foreign company that makes any decent working pickup. It's either going to be big, or some little faggot truck."

The video was shown to thousands of GM auto and truck sales staff and dealers from around the country, but was not intended for commercial use by the financially troubled auto giant.

At the request of Supervisor Dick Hongisto, the Board of Supervisors wrote GM Chairman Robert Stempel demanding an apology to the lesbian/gay community and assurances that the auto firm has a non-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation.

The City has a half-million-dollar fleet contract with GM for the purchase of city vehicles, and Hongisto and the board insisted that GM had a contractual obligation to observe city laws concerning discrimination policies.

In late November, Stempel sent Hongisto and the other board members a formal apology for the incident and assurances that GM does not discriminate, although the policy cited did not explicitly include sexual orientation.

The GM directive, which has been widely distributed to departments within the corporation, makes the firm's policies toward lesbians and gays explicit and, according to Hongisto aide T.J. Anthony, satisfies "two out of three" demands the supervisors had made.

In the November/December issue of "GM Today," the auto manufacturer's in-house employee newsletter, an unidentified gay GM worker also criticized the GM video.

A Chevrolet executive, J. David Hudgens, responded to the GM employee's objections by saying, "The excerpt absolutely should not have been used by Chevrolet for any purpose, private or public."

Hudgens also went on to explain GM's non-discrimination policies that include sexual orientation and reiterated GM's and Chevrolet's apologies over the "unfortunate incident."

Hongisto's office expects the matter to be completely closed through the City's Human Rights Commission, where a formal complaint against GM is still pending.

According to Anthony, Hongisto would like GM to "make a voluntary financial contribution" to a group fighting anti-gay violence in this country. ▼

National Briefs

Charge Dropped Against Act Up Member

A Jackson County, Mo., judge has dismissed a case against Mark Chaney, a member of ACT UP/Kansas City, for defacing public property. The charge stemmed from an incident in May after the City Council had tabled a gay and HIV rights ordinance. In order to keep the issue before the council, ACT UP staged several demonstrations at City Hall. At one of these demonstrations, Chaney smashed vials of blood on the floor and smeared bloody hand prints on the glass doors of the council chambers. The dismissal was the result of an appeal of an earlier conviction on the same charge in a municipal court. Chaney felt he was making a political statement, and as such his actions were protected under the First Amendment. "The judge rejected this argument, sustaining six to 10 objections by the prosecutor to such comments in my opening remarks," said John Torrence, Chaney's lawyer.

N.C.: Gay Group Can't Clean Highways

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a lawsuit against the North Carolina Department of Transportation challenging its refusal to allow a gay group to participate in a highway beautification program. The lawsuit, which was filed in federal district court in Raleigh, argues that by denying a request by the Southern Appalachian Lesbian and Gay Alliance to participate in the highway beautification program, the state has discriminated against the group because it is a gay organization. The suit seeks to compel the state to allow SALGA to enroll in the program and to give the group unspecified compensatory and punitive damages for its loss of possible new members and for its loss of standing in the community. When it first applied to the Department of Transportation, the lesbian and gay alliance was told it would be allowed to participate only if it agreed not to post a sign displaying the name of the organization. In a similar case earlier this year, the state of Missouri denied a request by a local chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays to participate in its clean highway program. That matter was favorably resolved through negotiations with the assistance of the ACLU of Eastern Missouri.

Dukakis Signs Hate Crimes Act

Gay and lesbian activists are celebrating the passage of the Massachusetts Hate Crimes Reporting Act just signed by outgoing Gov. Michael Dukakis. The act mandates the state's Department of Public Safety to collect statistics concerning acts of violence or harassment directed against people on the basis of their religion, race, sexual orientation, handicapped status or ethnicity. The act also provides for police training in recognition and reporting of these crimes and a public information campaign to alert citizens to their rights and duties in reporting such crimes. The bill was developed to help combat a huge increase in the number of anti-Semitic and gay-bashing incidents in Massachusetts.

Gays Protected from Eviction in N.Y.

In a victory that continues the move toward increased recognition of lesbian and gay relationships, new state regulations that broaden the definition of family have been upheld by an appellate court in New York. The new regulations guarantee that surviving family members — including surviving gay life partners — cannot be evicted from New York's 1 million rent-stabilized apartments upon the death or departure of the tenant of record. The ACLU and Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund represent Gay Men's Health Crisis and two gay tenants in the case. In July 1989, New York's highest court, the Court of Appeals, ruled in a case brought by the ACLU that two gay men who had lived together for 10 years could be considered a family and that surviving gay life partners could not be evicted from the state's 160,000 rent-controlled apartments. Following the decision, the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal issued regulations extending the Court's decision to the state's vast stock of rent-stabilized apartments. Several landlords challenged those regulations in court. The state's new regulations, the unanimous appellate court ruled, do not conflict with New York's real property laws nor with its constitution.

HIV Pharmacist Wins Right to Keep Job

In an important AIDS discrimination ruling on the rights of health-care workers, the New York State Division of Human Rights has held that a major medical center had discriminated against a pharmacist when it refused to hire him because he is HIV-infected. The decision ordering his full reinstatement without restrictions, the first such decision ever nationwide on behalf of a health-care worker with HIV, comes in the midst of a national debate over the right of health-care workers who are HIV-infected to continue performing their jobs. Rejecting the Medical Center's claim that even a "theoretical" remote risk of transmission justified severe limits on the pharmacist's performance of certain job duties, Human Rights Commissioner Margarita Rosa ruled that discrimination based on HIV status violates the state Human Rights Law, which prohibits discrimination based on disability. Citing medical expertise and guidelines by the federal Centers for Disease Control and other medical authorities, she said the hospital's "argument ignores the overwhelming evidence that (the pharmacist's) unrestricted employment posed a negligible risk of infection to patients." The ruling comes on the heels of a recent incident in Florida where it has been alleged that a female patient became infected after being treated by a dentist with AIDS. Responding to the allegations of transmission, hundreds of leading medical experts, practitioners and organizations such as the American Public Health Association and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers sent a letter to the CDC, urging that discrimination and mandatory HIV-testing not be permitted.

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U.S. Backs Fired HIVer In Possible Landmark Case

United Press International

WASHINGTON — John, a trained pharmacist, is plying his specialty at a New York City-area hospital.

He is HIV-positive. But the pharmacist, who does not want his real name revealed for privacy reasons, had applied for a pharmacist position at another hospital in 1986, and was told he could have the job only if he agreed not to prepare intravenous solutions.

He sued, claiming employment discrimination based on a disability. He won on the New York state level, and now the case has become the federal government's first enforcement action in which it is ordering a hospital — in this case, Westchester County Medical Center in Valhalla, N.Y. — to hire, with back pay, a health-care worker infected with the AIDS virus, or risk losing federal funds.

"We're strictly following the Centers for Disease Control guidelines that say there is no danger. We don't want to feed into any hysteria about AIDS," Edward Mercado, director of the Office for Civil Rights at the Department of Health and Human Services, said in an interview.

Health Secretary Louis Sullivan announced Dec. 27 that an investigation by the Civil Rights Office concluded the hospital violated Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 by denying "employment to a qualified applicant for a pharmacist position solely on the basis of his handicap, HIV infection," yet he could perform the job "without significant risk" of transmitting the infection.

But the hospital said it wanted to avoid exposing patients to any health risk and denies any illegality.

"We wanted the ability to preclude him from preparing intravenous solutions, which in and of itself, is not an invasive procedure. But the end product is used in an invasive procedure," said Barry Bowman, hospital spokesman. "We don't see this case as any different than someone with hepatitis, and we would preclude that person from preparing solutions, as well."

John's attorney, Evan Wolfson of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York, said there was a "tiny, theoretical risk approaching zero" of his client transmitting the disease.

Wolfson said it would take an improbable set of circumstances for John to spread his infection, which would have to involve pricking himself, mixing the contaminated blood in the IV solution and distributing it to patients.

"Everyone at the state (Department of Human Rights) hearing said it was an absurd scenario and under no one's guidelines should his situation be a concern," Wolfson said. "We face risks every day, but you have to figure out what is a significant risk."

He said John's case would be a landmark case.

"If this kind of discrimination is allowed, our health-care system would have been delivered a death blow. It would cause massive disruption — from surgeons to health care technicians," he said.

Bowman said the state and federal cases involved "two regulatory agencies that are looking at very narrow criteria for discrimination. They're not looking with any degree of appropriateness at any body of medical opinion that exists and they have ignored 2-1/2 years of scientific data on these cases."

In discussing risk of exposure, Bowman cited the recent case of Dr. Veronica Prego, who contracted AIDS in a New York hospital after accidentally pricking herself with an infected needle while cleaning up a patient's room. Prego won her suit against the hospital.

Mercado said employment discrimination cases must be assessed according to the job's particular duties, and that a pharmacist's handling of IV solutions is not an identifiable risk.

"We understand there is a lot of anxiety in the country regarding people who are HIV positive with AIDS," he said. "We have more than 1 million people who are HIV positive and we just can't take and isolate them and put them in leper colonies. And by working and contributing to society, they are helping to defray the cost of their medical maintenance."

The Department of Health and Human Service simultaneously announced a similar action against Knoxville Convalescent Center in Knoxville, Tenn., which allegedly discriminated against an employee, a licensed practical nurse, by firing her when it was disclosed she had epilepsy.

The department is seeking reinstatement with back pay, or the center risks losing federal funds. ▼

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Chicago OKs Hate Crimes Ordinance

To the surprise of gay/lesbian campaigners, the Chicago Hate Crimes Ordinance passed the City Council Dec. 19 by a vote of 43-0. Even the council's most vocal homophobe, black Alderman Robert Shaw, was moved by testimony of anti-gay violence perpetrated by Chicago police officers, and cast a vote to increase penalties for such crimes. Chicago is believed to be the first city or state to pass a gay-inclusive hate-crimes law by a unanimous vote. "I hope that this ordinance serves to underscore the message that the violation of human rights and crimes based on hatred will not be tolerated," Mayor Richard Daley said. The new hate-crimes law increases penalties for most all hate-motivated crimes based on age, ancestry, color, disability, gender, handicap, health-related condition, national origin, race, religion or sexual orientation. First-time hate-crime violators will face up to an extra \$1,000 fine and an extra one year in prison. Illinois passed a similar hate-crimes law this past fall, but activists felt a city law was necessary. Unlike the state law, the Chicago law includes gender among its categories.

—Rex Wockner

Archdiocese To Pay Dignity \$20,000

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis has been ordered to pay nearly \$20,000 to the gay Catholic group Dignity for violating members civil rights by kicking the organization out of its meeting space at the University of Minnesota Catholic Newman Center. The Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights said the archdiocese violated the city's gay-rights law, which bans, among other things, housing discrimination based on sexual orientation. The archdiocese must also pay a \$15,000 civil fine to the city. The local Dignity chapter was evicted following a 1987 Vatican directive that required all groups utilizing Catholic edifices to affirm their allegiance to Catholic teaching. The archdiocese plans to appeal the commission's ruling.

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HIVers: Easy Targets

by Michael C. Botkin

There has been a recent flurry of interest by the Food and Drug Administration and the mainstream media in "phony" HIV treatments. Articles in daily newspapers and even a brief segment on local TV have provided "tough" questioning coverage of shady operations offering "cures" for AIDS, like ImmunePlus.

These excursions into investigative reporting are supposed to convince us that the FDA and the media are sharp and effective guardians of society, watchdogs who sound the alarm the moment any fakery or exploitation occurs.

Actually, both institutions are corrupt and incompetent when it comes to defending HIVers (and, perhaps, in general), and their recent efforts are just smokescreens.

ImmunePlus may be a worthless, overpriced nostrum. It may in fact be ripping people off for thousands of dollars. But Burroughs-Wellcome, "owner" of AZT, and LyphoMed, keeper of pentamidine (the only two approved HIV treatments), have definitely soaked HIVers and the government for millions of dollars.

And these major corporations have cost thousands of people their lives, which ImmunePlus certainly has not.

But ImmunePlus is an "easy" target. Unlike the major pharmaceutical corpora-

tions, it has no massive legal staff, no PR department, no friends in high places.

While both Burroughs and the ImmunePlus people are exploiting the sick, ImmunePlus can't fight back when the media or FDA come around to ask questions.

Sleazy Deals

If something looks too good to be true, it usually is. This simple rule of thumb, along with some sharp questioning, will usually suffice to screen out nostrums and snake oil hucksters.

For example, I recently got a large and professional-looking packet of material from the "Medical Research Foundation" hyping "FLV23/A," an HIV treatment that was being tested in Romania. The return address for the foundation was in the United Arab Emirates (an enclave of rich oil sheiks on the fringe of Saudi Arabia). Replies to the packet were directed to a FAX number in London. But the postmark on the envelope was good old Palo Alto, just south of San Francisco.

Why didn't the mailer of this packet list a local phone number? Why was my only source of further info just a FAX number? Why is this foundation based in the U.A.E., and why did it carry out trials in Romania, a country notorious for its lack of medical technology?

The obvious answer is that the whole outfit is phony as

hell. This impression grows stronger when you add in the fact that the trial in Romania was shut down when it was discovered that the principal investigator had faked his credentials.

This is where my perspective diverges from that of the mainstream media. I'm not looking for helpless victims to bully around, I'm looking for ways to save my life. This obviously is not one of them, and so I don't see much point in wasting further time on it. Time is precious to me; my desk is cluttered enough with promising treatment news, and my phone bill big enough, without trying to call phony numbers two continents over.

The bottom line is that I don't need the federal govern-

ment to protect me from the Medical Research Foundation, because I can handle it on my own. The outfits I can't handle on my own are the major corporations like Burroughs and LyphoMed, but the government won't take them on.

Most snake-oil outfits are so cheesy that any sharp consumer can see right through them. Henry Mach, the Bay Area Reporter's typesetter, drew my attention to an ad for Aloe Vera Juice.

The ad, placed by "Coffaloe Distributors," quoted Dr. Terry Pulse as saying "aloe is to an AIDS patient such as insulin is to a diabetic." The ad also proclaims that the product is "100 percent uncondi-

tionally guaranteed."

"Coffaloe Distributors" turns out to be a heterosexual couple in the Sunset trying to make a little money on the side. They don't know much about AIDS or aloe, but a cousin from Denver apparently convinced them that this was easy money.

The material sent out by their cousin was pretty shoddy. A letter from Dr. Pulse's PR man carefully disclaimed any promises about aloe, pointed out that it wasn't a "drug," but then trumpeted that "a third" of the PWAs using aloe went "zero negative."

He obviously meant "sero-negative," and his inability to master the basic vocabulary

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Plaintiff in Texas AIDS Suit Dies

HOUSTON (UPI) — An AIDS patient pursuing a potentially groundbreaking lawsuit in Houston federal court to reinstate her health insurance benefits has died — throwing the future of the case into doubt. The death of Cathy Goodwin, 38, on Dec. 26 in Fort Worth, renders her lawsuit moot because U.S. District Judge David Hittner had yet to rule on her request for an injunction ordering the insurance company to reinstate her coverage until the suit was resolved. Goodwin and her former husband, Barry Goodwin, alleged that their insurer, Life Insurance Co. of the Southwest, discriminated against her when it terminated their health insurance. One of the Goodwins' attorneys, Paul Waldner, said he would proceed on Barry Goodwin's behalf with the suit's discrimination claims. Goodwin is still liable for more than \$275,000 in medical bills for his late wife.

Surgeon General to Address AIDS Meeting

U.S. Surgeon General Antonia Novello will present the closing keynote speech at the 1991 California Association of AIDS Agencies Annual Membership Meeting and Skills Building Conference. Novello's address marks the first time a Bush administration appointee will thank workers serving on the frontlines of the AIDS epidemic in California. More than 250 people, representing public, private and independent sector AIDS organizations throughout California, will gather for the annual event scheduled for Jan. 22-25 in San Diego. Novello is the 14th U.S. Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service. She is the first woman and the first Hispanic to hold the position. Her predecessor, C. Everett Koop, M.D., was an outspoken advocate for AIDS prevention education and compassionate services for persons infected with AIDS/HIV virus.

Non-Toxic Drug Shown to Block HIV

Researchers have reported the development of a new chemical that inhibits HIV without the toxic side effects of AZT. The new chemical, designated BI-RG-587, was reported in *Science* magazine Dec. 7 by researchers at Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals and the University of Massachusetts Medical School. The research team, headed by Dr. Vincent Merluzzi, reports that BI-RG-587 has "potent antiviral activity" in test tube experiments and has "exquisite specificity" against the reverse transcriptase HIV needs to reproduce; but it has virtually no toxic side effects on uninfected human cells, including macrophages and bone marrow. The toxicity of both AZT and ddI results in part from their function as nucleoside chain terminators, whereas BI-RG-587 works by a different means. The new drug, still in preliminary research, was also far more effective than AZT, reducing HIV-infected cells to sub-detectable levels in blood from PWAs whose AZT therapy was being only partially successful.

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Seymour

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wants to continue to have that seat represented by at least a moderate Republican," commented National Gay and Lesbian Task Force lobbyist Peri Jude Radecic.

Seymour, like Wilson, supports abortion rights, has backed a number of state initiatives responding to the AIDS crisis, and, according to political insiders, now backs the passage of California's gay and lesbian civil rights bill, despite his 1984 vote in the state Senate against the measure.

In the past two state Republican party conventions, Seymour also gained kudos for his efforts to block attempts by anti-gay Reps. William Dannemeyer and

Robert K. Dornan to bar California gay-oriented Republican clubs from the party.

"We are looking forward to working with him," said Gregory King of the Washington-based Human Rights Campaign Fund.

"We are gratified that Senator Wilson has selected as his replacement a politician who understands the importance of AIDS and who has shown a willingness on the state level to work with the lesbian and gay community. And I personally am particularly happy that [anti-gay Rep.] William Dannemeyer is not particularly happy," King stated.

By naming Seymour to complete the next two years of his term, Wilson issued a strong rebuff to the conservative wing of the party, which had hoped — although not expected — that the moderate governor-elect would tap a conservative for the post. ▼

DEATHS

Raymond S. Woods Jr.

Oct. 8, 1949–Dec. 12, 1990

Ray Woods, 41, one of the Northwest's most respected leathermen, passed away in the arms of his lover, Steven Reiswig, on Dec. 12, in Seattle, due to AIDS complications.



Ray spent his youth in Idaho and Washington and graduated from the University of Washington. He taught junior high English and literature initially, then worked for Pacific Northwest Bell. He finally settled into social service work with the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services. He made special efforts to gather into his caseload numerous AIDS clients on welfare and made sure that they were given the most sensitive and expedient service.

Ray was lauded for his tremendous efforts for at least two years as a volunteer for the Seattle AIDS Support Group. He co-facilitated the PWA drop-in support group and facilitated the Monday night "Survive and Thrive With AIDS" support group. He was elected vice president of the organization and, as such, became an inspiration to all who knew him.

Ray's visibility and popularity in the Pacific Northwest were enhanced with his winning titles. He was chosen Mr. Seafair in 1972 and Mr. Pines in 1982. In 1984, he won the Mr. Northwest Drummer title and competed in the finals in San Francisco. The next year, his lover, Steve Reiswig, competed and won the Mr. Drummer title.

Their relationship has endured for almost 12 years, and both made numerous appearances at leather events in San Francisco — the last was in April 1990 when Steve emceed the Mr. South of Market event and Ray served as a judge. Their dedication to the leather lifestyle and their contributions are a shining example of leather pride.

Ray's love of the beauty of nature was balanced with his love of art, music and literature, and reflected his impeccable taste and keen intellect. His favorite places were Bryce Canyon in Utah and Crater Lake in Oregon.

A memorial service was held in Seattle at the Butterworth Mortuary on Dec. 29, for this eclectic man with a strong sense of principal, honor and integrity. He had many, many friends, and in Seattle as well as in leather circles around the nation, he will be missed passionately.

Remembrances in Ray's name may be made to the Seattle AIDS Support Group. ▼

John V.J. Simon Jr.

Jan. 13, 1957–Dec. 13, 1990

Jonny's death came quickly, like so much of the rest of his life. He passed quietly at age 33 surrounded by family and friends in his hometown.



Jonny was raised in Stockton, and was an honor student at San Joaquin Delta College and University of the Pacific. He moved to the city in 1988 to join the San Francisco AIDS Foundation as an education coordinator, where he was loved by both staff and volunteers.

Jonny was very active in AIDS information work within the Filipino community. He appeared in an AIDS video prepared by the Asian Pacific Islanders AIDS Coalition and was also interviewed by a Manila newspaper and several Bay Area radio and TV stations. Jonny also served on the board of directors of the Asian AIDS Project.

Jonny always enjoyed doing drag, and after moving to the city, this love blossomed into many characters known about town in bars and performance clubs. He was also a terrific dancer who could steal the limelight whether in a dress or jeans. Although he had an outgoing personality, Jonny was also a very private person. He was an active member of A.A. and N.A., celebrating 2½ years of recovery.

Jonny is survived by his mother, Leona Segura; four brothers and three sisters, all of the Stockton area; and will be missed by many friends in San Francisco and Stockton. A memorial service will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral at noon on Jan. 5. Donations are suggested for the Asian AIDS Project. For further information, please call 552-5579. ▼

Carl "Carlos" Summers

Nov. 11, 1952–Dec. 17, 1990

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Conrad J. Paredes

Aug. 21, 1951–Dec. 27, 1990

Conrad died peacefully at home, surrounded by loved ones, on the afternoon of Dec. 27.



Born in San Jose, Conrad lived there until six years ago when he moved to San Francisco.

He is survived by his lover, Tim Hennessey; his parents, Conrad and Mary Paredes; his sisters, Leticia Guillen and Viva Paredes; and his brothers, Ronnie Flores, Paul Paredes and Alex Paredes. Conrad's personal strength and genuine warmth will be remembered fondly by his family and many friends.

A memorial service for Conrad will be held at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Saturday, Jan. 5, at 1 p.m. ▼

Allen Lucian

April 24, 1964–Dec. 19, 1990

Our dear friend died peacefully in Phoenix on the evening of Dec. 19. He was 26.



Allen was born in Torrance, Calif., and grew up both there and in Cottonwood, Ariz. He moved to the Bay Area in 1983 and settled in the Russian River community.

He worked as a truck driver and was passionate about his big rig as well as his 4x4.

As we live our days without our buddy, we remember his playful spirit, his gentle masculinity, his honesty, his quiet courage and his simple wisdom. We are grateful for his gift of love and blessed that we were able, for a while, to share his path.

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A celebration of Allen's life is planned for Sunday, Jan. 6. Please call (707) 632-5538 for information. ▼

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HIV

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of HIV did nothing to boost my confidence in him or Dr. Pulse, especially given the exaggerated but contradictory claims they were making on behalf of aloe.

However, reprints of several scientific articles were included in the packet, so I browsed through looking for something that would support their absurd statement that aloe "cured" 1/3 of its HIV customers.

To my amazement, nothing suggested that aloe does more for an HIVer than might be expected from good diet and clean living.

Independent studies, however, suggest that aloe extract does provide some benefits for HIVers, though nothing nearly as major as Pulse claims.

As scams go, it was pretty transparent but also pretty clean. Their hype was no more difficult to see through than those Publisher's Clearinghouse packets from Ed McMahon that say "YOU MAY ALREADY BE A MILLIONAIRE!" They were offering a safe product at what could well be a decent price, and if their clever but empty promises of "100 percent guaranteed" take in some gullible HIVers, well, that's life in this best of all capitalist worlds.

The local distributors seemed entirely sincere. Unlike Burroughs, who know they are overcharging for AZT, the Coffeys have good reason to believe that they are offering a decent treatment for a fair price. These beliefs may be self-serving and/or mistaken, but this is still intrinsically less creepy than what Burroughs is doing — and significantly less dangerous for HIVers.

Bad Cops

Are hucksters taking advantage of HIVers? Some undoubtedly are. But HIVers wouldn't be so vulnerable if we had decent access to decent treatments in the first place. The real answer to ending exploitation of HIVers is to go after the big offenders, end their monopolies, and stop their trials before they kill a few hundred "subjects" in their quest for profit.

Instead, the government and its sidekicks, (the tame mainstream media) do the dirty work for the medical establishment, harassing their competition. It all amounts to a witch hunt, distracting the public from the real criminals and reinforcing the notion that the medical mainstream is pure and effective, unlike the supposedly crooked and phony alternatives.

The net result is to limit the alternatives available to HIVers, to take away our control of our lives, and to deliver us, hogtied, as "customers" to the medical industry.

When the government went around trying to stop the import of compound Q into the United States, were they "protecting" HIVers or were they protecting big medicine's monopoly?

They say that they are protecting us, the HIVers (even though we never asked them to); this is clearly bullshit. What we need is protection from these protectors and their paymasters. ▼

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Medical Community Divided Over AIDS Threat to Pakistan

United Press International

KARACHI, Pakistan — An AIDS epidemic may soon hit Pakistan, sparked by a wave of Pakistani expatriate workers who fled the Persian Gulf region since the invasion of Kuwait. But some doctors' belief that a Moslem country could not suffer an AIDS explosion is hampering preparations to avert a disaster.

Until recently, two-thirds of Pakistan's handful of AIDS carriers were foreigners or Pakistanis returning from abroad. Many lived in the Middle East where they caught the infection through blood transfusions or sexual contact.

"We are sitting on a powder keg," said Dr. Syed Abdul Mujeeb of Karachi's Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center. "With our present resources, we could not contain an explosion of AIDS caused by all those people returning from abroad."

But some doctors believe that AIDS poses no threat to Pakistanis. This feeling is reinforced by the reluctance of Pakistanis, even physicians, to discuss subjects such as sex, drug use and homosexuality and to play down their frequency in Pakistani society.

"Our lifestyle is such that AIDS can be isolated," said Dr. Mohammad Kurshid, a professor of pathology at the Aga Khan University in Karachi. "It is not like the United States here. We have little homosexuality, and drug use is not a problem."

1 Million Heroin Addicts

Yet Karachi, the port of entry for most travelers to Pakistan, is a bustling metropolis of 3 million and the center of Pakistan's estimated 1 million heroin addicts. Male and female prostitution is thriving, and the number of people in high-risk groups is growing.

So far Pakistan has only 57 documented cases of infection with HIV, the virus that leads to acquired immune deficiency syndrome. Only 13 carriers have developed full AIDS

symptoms since the first infected Pakistani died in March 1987.

But an official from Pakistan's National Institute of Health explained that information collection is so difficult that the actual figures probably are higher.

Some doctors have even announced the discovery of HIV carriers who have never been abroad and had no contact with foreigners, including two Karachi women who received the infection through blood transfusions.

The government has since promised to provide 11 regional blood testing centers as part of an AIDS prevention program, but few facilities are operational. Some machines have been provided, but most hospitals cannot use them without trained staff, spare parts and support funding.

Blood Seldom Screened

In Karachi, only the hospital at the private Aga Khan University, too expensive for most Pakistanis, regularly screens blood.

"Everyone is working separately," said Dr. Mirza Ali Azhar, a pathology consultant in Karachi. "The government, the private hospitals and the voluntary organizations are all fragmented. It would be easy for many cases to slip through the net."

There are already significant AIDS risks for many groups in Pakistan. Blood transfusion patients, especially hemophiliacs, often get blood from professional donors, many of whom show a high incidence of hepatitis.

"Nearly 80 percent of the country's blood comes from professional donors," said a spokesman from the Patient Welfare Association at Karachi Civil Hospital. "Over half of these donors are also drug addicts."

Heroin use has flourished during the past decade, although most users in Pakistan smoke the drug, limiting the risks associated with injection.

But the use of unsterilized needles for medical procedures in cash-starved hospi-

tals and in traditional acupuncture treatment increases the chances of contracting AIDS.

There is little data available on prostitution or homosexuality, or on the truck drivers who traverse the country and provide a potential conduit for the AIDS virus.

Unmonitored conditions in prisons and slums allow infection to spread without check.

AIDS Programs Delayed

In August the government announced its intention to offer AIDS counseling to patients and relatives of AIDS victims. Fact-finding studies of high risk groups also were promised. But the government announced that these precautions would begin after the Gulf crisis was over.

The more progressive doctors fear that such action may be too late. Ten years ago Pakistan was faced with the threat of a hepatitis-B epidemic. There was little overt threat at first and few documented cases. Little was done to educate the public. Now hepatitis is responsible for hundreds of deaths each year.

The spread of hepatitis is worrying AIDS specialists because the two viruses are transmitted by similar methods. Both are carried in the body fluids and are mainly transmitted by sexual contact with a carrier or by sharing a hypodermic needle with an infected person.

Hepatitis may yet provide a method for dealing with the spread of AIDS in Pakistan. Hepatitis does not carry the stigma of AIDS and is seen as an easier target for a public education campaign. A determined effort to check its spread could also prevent AIDS from becoming Pakistan's major killer.

"In a Moslem country like Pakistan, it is very difficult for us to advise people on their sexual habits," said Mujeeb. "We can hardly show condoms on television. But an information campaign using passages from the Koran to promote family values could be quite effective." ▼

Foundation, following encouraging discussions with individual councilors.

Instead, she was met by the city attorney and the public prosecutor, who charged her with male sodomy and with "gathering groups of criminals."

Zhuk said she was later harassed by KGB agents, who stole her keys and burglarized her apartment, making off with Tchaikovsky Foundation documents. This also happened to Kalinin and MGLU in Moscow last fall.

At press time, the telephones at the Soviet Embassy in Washington were busy or went unanswered, as has been the case for months. Moscow directory assistance also did not answer.

Soviet activists request telegrams to the Moscow and Leningrad city councils denouncing Lukeshev's murder and the harassment of gay organizations.

Gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) has already

wired Soviet authorities his complaints, writing, "I am deeply disturbed to learn of the murder of Alexander Lukeshev, the arrest of Olga Zhuk, and the harassment and detainment of Roman Kalinin."

"I strongly condemn the systematic harassment of gay men and lesbians, and I urge you to demonstrate humanitarian concern by helping to stop the harassment and persecution of lesbians and gay men and organizations which work for their basic international, human rights."

The addresses are (1) The Commission for Social and Political Organizations, dom 6, Isakovskaya Ploshad, Lensovet, Leningrad, USSR. (2) Mr. Gavriil Popov, Mossovet, Moscow, USSR. ▼

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World Briefs

ANC Includes Gays in S. African Plan

The African National Congress has included a gay-rights law in its draft bill of rights for the new South African constitution. The ANC is one of the nation's largest black political parties, headed by anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela. The move followed heavy lobbying from Cape Town's Organization of Lesbian and Gay Activists. The relevant passage of the draft document reads, "Discrimination on the grounds of gender, single parenthood, legitimacy of birth or sexual orientation should be unlawful." The draft is being circulated for comment within the ANC and the mass democratic movement. Should the gay-rights protections survive the negotiations that will lead to South Africa's new constitution, the country would become one of the most progressive in the world for gays and lesbians.

— Rex Wockner

British Group Forced to Change Name

The Notting Hill Lesbian and Gay Youth Group in west London has had to agree to remove the words "Lesbian and Gay" from its title in order to receive a grant of 950 pounds (\$1,850 U.S.) from the Local Council. Last year the group was denied its grant because of the Local Government Act's ban on "intentional promotion of homosexuality," a homophobic law created by former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

—John Hubert



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Soviet

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and Leningrad, which will be attended by a delegation of 100 American gays and lesbians under the auspices of IGLHRC.

In Leningrad, meanwhile, authorities have dropped sodomy charges against Olga Zhuk, founder of the Tchaikovsky Foundation for the Cultural Initiatives and Defense of Sexual Minorities, the city's only gay group.

During a December meeting with the Leningrad City Council, Zhuk, who is a lesbian, was inaccurately charged with violation of Russian Penal Code Article 121.1, which outlaws anal sex between men. Lesbian sex is not illegal in the Soviet Union.

Zhuk had attended the meeting to seek formal registration of the Tchaikovsky

For A Queer New Year

by Rachel Pepper

It's funny. There I was, sitting on the plane, coming back from the Bahamas and a completely non-traditional Christmas, and what was I doing? Writing out some New Year's resolutions, one of the most traditional things a person can ever do.

But it's not so strange, really. For as we proceed head-first into the Gay '90s as well as into this Golden Age of Lesbianism, what could be more appropriate than taking a few moments to pause and consider what a list of truly queer New Year's resolutions would be like. Ready? OK, let's go.

First and foremost on my list, of course, is the resolution to work for and expect nothing less than a complete and entire overthrow of the worldwide patriarchal system. Failing that, (I'm a realist, after all) here are some other things I'll strive for, personally and societally, to make 1991 a better year than the one we've just left behind.

Like it or not, closet queers, we're now entering the self-proclaimed "Year of the Queer," and I therefore resolve to be as out as I possibly can, each and every day. This will help not only those around me to see and accept me for who I really am, it will go a ways toward promoting acceptance of us all.

However, I also resolve to try not to be so impatient

with those who can't be as out as I am, as long as I know that they've got at least one toe out of the closet and are working through whatever stage of the coming-out process they're in.

As gay lib begins its most co-sexual era yet, I resolve to continue working with my queer brothers all the while never forgetting the importance of women-only space in my life. All too often, women-only space gets bashed by men with no concept of our need for occasional (or even lifelong) separation and by women who haven't had to either struggle for it or escape into it.

I resolve, therefore, to continue to participate in and support building women's culture, even if it means repeatedly explaining the concept to the activist boys who find any political agenda outside the realm of their own experience extremely threatening. Or to the under 20 crowd of anti-separatist dykes who think that women have always been able to go and do pretty much as they've pleased.

That said, I will read feminist journals, listen to and promote women singers, buy goods from local craftswomen, employ women in the trades wherever possible, and continue to attend the women's music festivals. After all, if I don't like the music, I can always cruise!

Cruising aside, I vow to make sure that each day I take a moment to celebrate

my female friendships and lover relationships for being as crucial and central to my health and happiness as they truly are. As my friend Deborah keeps reminding me, every woman is beautiful, whether I find her physically attractive, or not.

Hopefully, the more secure I grow myself, the better I'll get at appreciating the infinite kinds of womanly beauty there are. I can't think of a more pleasant lifelong resolution for any of us.

As we all battle systemic homophobia as well as the emergence of a new 'queer culture' I resolve to stand up for myself in the streets and to try to think of even wittier and politically astute comebacks for all the straight men who yell intelligent remarks to me like, "Hey, are you a dyke?"

Similarly, I resolve to keep churning out dyke propaganda and sticker slogans that will make lesbians smile in recognition, straights shake their heads, and those queers, uncomfortable with the idea of dyke visibility, cringe and re-examine their own fears.

In a time when lesbian sexuality continues to come under fire from just about every camp imaginable, I resolve not to let any other person, man or woman, straight or gay, define for me or to me what "lesbian sexuality" actually is.

I resolve to respect every woman's right to her own forms of sexual expression

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Health Calendar

FRIDAY

The Healing Circle Retreat: Love, meditation, laughter and healing in an old mission-style ranch in Healdsburg that has an abundance of fireplaces and rolling hills. Jan. 4-6. \$150 includes food, lodging and fun. Call Greg, 863-2334.

AIDS and ARC Switchboard: For information and support, the switchboard is operated by people with AIDS. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 861-7309.

Young Gay Men's Rap Group: For those 23 and under. This is a non-therapy group conceived and conducted by gay & bisexual young men. 7-9 p.m. MCC, 150 Eureka, SF. 863-4434.

Living Well With AIDS/ARC: Support group based on Attitudinal Healing Principles. 1-3 p.m. Rest Stop, 134 Church, SF. 621-REST.

SATURDAY

Women's AIDS Hotline: Call Saturdays, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Saturday support group, 12-1 p.m. Diablo Valley AIDS Center. Call 686-DVAC.

Women's Clinic: Call at 8:30 a.m. for same day appointment. Pap smears, STDs, bladder & pregnancy testing, and other services. Health care by and for women. Berkeley Free Clinic, 548-2570.

SUNDAY

Afternoon Tea: Come play board games and socialize. 2-7 p.m. For PWA/PWARC/PWHIVs. Free. Rest Stop, 134 Church, SF. 621-REST.

Men's Clinic: STDs, scabies, NGUs, lice, venereal warts, etc., testing and treatment. AIDS/ARC counseling and referrals. Free and confidential. 6-8 p.m. Gay Men's Health Collective, 2339 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 644-0425.

MONDAY

Evolution of a Caregiver: A 6-week group for professionals and volunteers emphasizing ways to utilize caregiving challenges for personal and professional growth. Begins Jan. 9, 7-9 p.m. Kairos House, 114 Douglass, SF. Call 861-0877.

Quit Smoking Clinic: Are you HIV positive? Are you a smoker who wants to quit? For those serious about quitting smoking, the SF Department of Public Health is offering an 8-session clinic beginning Jan. 28, 6:30 p.m. \$35 includes all materials. Adv. registration required, space is limited. Health Center 1, 3850 17th St., SF. Call 554-9763, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

TUESDAY

Friends, Partners, Family Group: A 6-week group covering caregiving issues including coping with stress, time management, codependency & setting limits. Begins Jan. 8, 7:30-9 p.m. Kairos House, 114 Douglass, SF. Call 861-0877.

Asian Gay Men's Support Group: 6:30-8 p.m. The Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 548-8283.

Lesbian Psychotherapy Group: 5:30-7 p.m. Operation Concern, 1853 Market, SF. Call 626-7000 for appointment.

WEDNESDAY

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: Community orientation held at the Face to Face office, 16632 Hwy 16, Guerneville, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Call (707) 887-1581.

SF AIDS Alternative Healing Project Informational Meeting: Talk with practitioners and former participants of this comprehensive program for healing the body, mind & spirit that incorporates acupuncture, Chinese herbs, bodywork, therapy, nutritional guidance & group support. Jan. 9. Quan Yin Healing Arts Center, 1748 Market, SF. Call Howard, 861-4964.

Showing Your True Colors: A support group for people with visible ailments associated with AIDS (wasting syndrome, lymphoma, KS, etc.) meets Wednesdays. Call Peter for more info, 863-7958.

Evening Lectures on A Course in Miracles: Meditation & discussion led by Frank A. Tiberi. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., at First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin & Geary, SF. California Miracles Center sponsors, 621-2556.

Open Support Group for Women with HIV: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Supervised childcare provided. The Women's Bldg, 1843 18th St., SF. Carlin, 921-3680.

Living Well With AIDS/ARC: Support group based on Attitudinal Healing Principles. 1-3 p.m. Rest Stop, 134 Church, SF. 621-REST.

HIV+/AIDS/ARC Support Group: Drop-in group facilitated by Rick Weatherly & Randy Nennelee. 7:30 p.m. MCC, 150 Church, SF. 863-4434.

THURSDAY

Taking Better Care of Your Loved One & Yourself: A 6-week group for partners focusing on giving quality care to a loved one while caring for oneself. Begins Jan. 10, 7:30-9 p.m. Kairos House, 114 Douglass, SF. Call 861-0877.

AI Anon for Black Gays & Lesbians: Thursdays, 7:30-8:45 p.m., at Bethany United Methodist Church, 1268 Sanchez, SF (entrance on Clipper). Call 626-5634 or 995-2581.

African American HIV+/ARC/AIDS Support Group: Gain independence and reduce isolation and make better use of AIDS services. Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. SF AIDS Foundation, 25 Van Ness, 3rd floor smoking lounge, SF. 864-4376.

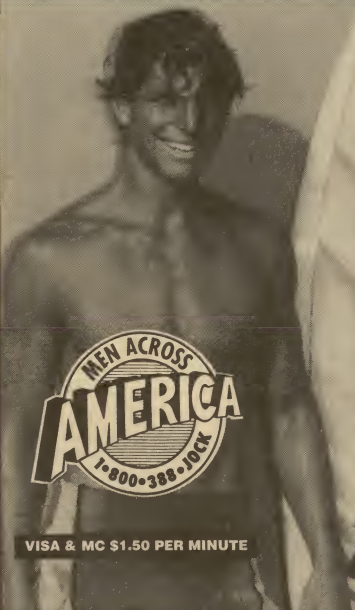
Insurance/Employee Benefits Clinic: Thursdays at 6:15, 7 & 7:45 p.m. Free 45-min. private session with an attorney on benefits, COBRA and insurance problems. AIDS Legal Referral Panel, 25 Hickory/Van Ness, SF. 864-8186.

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Shopping

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demonstrators.

After arriving at the mall, participants positioned themselves in a location that made them highly visible to the suburban weekend-after-Christmas shoppers.

About 20 Queer Nation members then presented a fashion show through the mall.

A Queer Nation statement read, "To clear up misconceptions of people who think all gay men are hairdressers and all lesbians truck drivers, we of SHOP are bringing you a fashion show of some of the different types found within the queer community. In recognition of our history, we embrace these with understanding and humor. No one, regardless of sexual orientation, race, religion, class or gender, can be defined by a stereotype, so we bring you the realities of our lives as well as the roles we can play."

They then presented a diverse representation of the gay community, ranging from the "gym boy" to the "campy queen" and from the "lipstick lesbian" to the "granola dyke."

Many in the shopping center were shocked. What followed was, for the most part, laughter and a detached acceptance.

"I think it's great. I think more people should get out and let people know what they believe in. However, I think they are embarrassing themselves because this is not the way they dress everyday," Linda Narozniak of Fremont said.

A smiling, 60-ish Rose Nevins shook her head and said, "This certainly is new to me."

"I'm from North Carolina, and I've never seen anything like this before," said a woman with a thick Southern accent. "But I guess to each their own."

She added that she didn't find the action offensive



Queer Nation goes shopping in Valco Mall.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

"but," she said, "I don't know why they were out promoting their sexuality. My husband and I would never go out and promote our sexuality."

"We wanted to show that despite the myths, there are quite a few types of people who fall into the gay community," said Queer Nation member Len Handeland. "Besides, it was a lot of fun."

"I think a long-range goal is for these people to see that fags are their neighbors and their kids, and the next time they hear a fag joke they will say, 'That is not right,'" said Palo Alto resident Jake Veylupek, 21.

"I think these actions are important to show queer vis-

ibility. Maybe the high-school jocks are not going to pick on the guy in the locker room if they see we are people with a sense of humor and see what we are doing isn't all that bad — and the guy in the tutu wasn't all that bad-looking either."

"People were taking my literature," said Irene Dick, "and people were smiling and they were trying to relate to us."

Dick said the action was successful because "people did not just run away saying, 'Oh, no, they're a bunch of queers.'"

The protesters said they thought the event was a success. ▼

Mashore to Appeal, Slams Anti-Bias Plan

by Keith Clark

Lloyd Mashore, whose election to the Concord City Council in November 1989 has twice been declared invalid over his residency at the time he ran, has appealed the latest ruling against him.

Mashore claims he has not gotten a "fair and impartial consideration" in the case.

The fundamentalist minister, who based his 1989 election bid on a repeal move that also overturned the city's AIDS non-discrimination ordinance in the same election, also announced his opposition to a proposed new anti-bias ordinance in the embattled East Bay city that not only includes physical disabilities but also sexual orientation.

On Dec. 21 Contra Costa Superior Court Judge Jay Pfothenauer ruled that Mashore's testimony earlier this year about his attempts to establish legal residency in Concord "lacked credibility" and ruled Mashore's election invalid.

Pfothenauer's ruling did not, however, order the conservative councilmember out of office.

In announcing his appeal of the second Pfothenauer ruling against him, Mashore said on Dec. 24 that the judge "decided it was my burden to prove I was innocent" rather than requiring his opponents to prove he was guilty.

"The only way I can get a fair and impartial consideration," Mashore said, "is to get this before the appellate court."

When Pfothenauer first invalidated the councilman's election in February, Mashore took his case to the state Court of Appeal, which in November ordered Pfothenauer to re-examine the case. It is this second ruling against him by the same judge that

Mashore is now appealing.

Mashore also announced that he is opposed to a new anti-bias ordinance introduced by Concord Mayor Byron Campbell shortly before Christmas.

Mashore had worked closely with Campbell during the

The ruling did not order the conservative councilmember out of office.

past year in developing the new legislation, which is much broader in scope than the 1989 law Mashore helped topple.

In opposing the new draft legislation, which bars discrimination based on race, gender, color, age, disability, marital status, ancestry, national origin, place of birth, religion as well as sexual orientation, Mashore declined to say what about the new ordinance he opposed.

He said, however, that last minute "changes and insertions" in the draft law might cause Concord "to suffer the same polarization and division we faced in 1989."

The new anti-bias draft legislation is scheduled to come up for its first consideration before the Jan. 8 meeting of the Concord City Council.

The council can decide either to reject the proposed law, pass it, or simply put it on the ballot for the voters to decide. ▼

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Immigration and Naturalization Service headquarters on Sansome Street. A simultaneous demo was held in L.A.

Black lesbian welfare activist Barbara Nabors-Glass called for the resignation of David Neely, a gay man, from the Social Services Commission, after Neely supported the Fraud Early Detection program, which allows the department to investigate anyone who fits a "fraud profile." Homelessness is part of that criteria.

A Kenyan study was released that claimed 99 people went into some form of remission after ingesting oral alpha interferon. Dubious scientists plan a placebo trial in New York in response to the reports.

San Francisco Superintendent of Schools Ramon Cortines is chided for his remarks about a proposed support program for gay students. Cortines says that the district has to be "very very



Sharon Kowalski and Karen Thompson are honored at the NOW Conference in June.

(Photo: Darlene/PhotoGraphics)

careful about enticing young people about their sexual orientation." Cortines refused to retract the remark and was later revealed by a local gay

newspaper to be "a closet gay," which set off a local firestorm about "outing."

NGRA reached a settlement with Great Republic Life Insurance Co., which agreed not to discriminate against gays when selling insurance. Previously the group denied coverage to unmarried men in "occupations that do not require physical exertion such as florists, fashion designers and interior decorators."

Activists began putting pressure on the S.F. Unified School District to adopt the gay support program over fundamentalist Christian objections.

The Navy dropped its claims against two former NROTC midshipmen who were booted out of the scholarship program when they told their superior officers they were gay. Robert Betiker of MIT would have been forced to repay more than \$38,000. David Carney, 23, of Harvard would have been forced to pay more than \$50,000. The Navy refused to change anti-gay employment policies.

Hospice worker Gary Clayton was severely assaulted in a gay bashing in Dolores Park. Four Latino males followed Clayton through the park and chased him into a garage entryway on 18th Street, yelling, "Kill the fagot." He was beaten with a 2-by-4 and a claw hammer. An alert cab driver and three golf club-wielding sisters came to his assistance, probably saving Clayton's life. Kevin Lobo and Rodolfo Rocha were arrested in the incident and

held on \$200,000 bail each.

Genentech, a South San Francisco pharmaceutical firm, announced that chimpanzees injected with a prototype AIDS vaccine successfully resisted HIV infection after exposure to the virus.

June

Dianne Feinstein won the Democratic nomination for governor, easily defeating Attorney General John Van De Kamp.

Lesbian attorney Donna Hitchens beat Deukmejian appointee conservative incumbent Jerome Benson for a Superior Court seat.

Mayor Art Agnos' \$45 million AIDS budget was criticized for severely underestimating the number of people with HIV infection in San Francisco. The report stated that 18,000 people in San Francisco suffered from HIV infection. Health Department figures indicated that 35,000 suffered from HIV infection, half of whom had no health insurance.

First lady Barbara Bush came out against anti-gay violence in a letter to Paulette Goodman, national president of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

The San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education unanimously approved a school-sponsored program for lesbian and gay students, including the services of a half-time counselor. The program was approved over the objections of religious fundamentalists.

Frank Buttino, a gay FBI agent, filed suit against the agency after it stripped him

of his security clearance and then fired him after it discovered he was gay. Buttino, 45, was with the agency for two decades. The suit says the agency violated equal protection and due process rights.

Eight PWAs in a group of 62 patients had normal T-cell and white blood cell counts in blood tests following treatment with Compound Q, a Project Inform study revealed.

AIDS researcher Robert Gallo dropped out of the Sixth International Conference on AIDS under a cloud of speculation that he stole the AIDS virus from French discoverers.

A report by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force revealed that San Francisco led the nation in anti-gay violence.

Supervisor Harry Britt announced that he was going to put a domestic partners initiative back on the ballot in November.

Thousands of activists from ACT UP held a protest in front of the INS building, kicking off several days of protests during the Sixth International AIDS Conference. Following the march and rally, the group held a sit-in in the Marriott until conference organizers agreed to give more free passes to people with AIDS who wanted to attend the conference. Despite tensions around the boycott of the conference, nearly 12,000 people attended. Demonstrations culminated on Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day when Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis Sullivan's closing speech was drowned out by activists' heckles, air horns and chants.

The report of the Mayor's Task Force on Family Policy was released after a year's worth of testimony and research. The report called for health insurance coverage for domestic partners and extended families of city workers.

Local gay Congregation Sha'ar Zahav celebrated its 13th anniversary. Two weeks later Reform Judaism became the first major religious body to approve the ordination of gays and lesbians as clergy.

More than 325,000 turned out for a festive, upbeat Gay Pride Day in San Francisco.

The Americans With Disabilities Act passed a House-Senate conference following the rejection of an amendment that would have allowed restaurants to exclude people with AIDS from food handling jobs and not be sued for discrimination.

Kentucky rescinded its anti-gay sodomy law. ▼

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Participants rest after the AIDS Bike-a-Thon in May.

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OCC

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explore legislative remedies. "It smacks of outrageous conduct," said Supervisor-elect Carole Migden. "I haven't studied the ruling to familiarize myself with the details, but most responsible people agree that there was excessive use of force."

Gay rights attorney Walter Parsley, who represents activist Michael Barnette, was scathing in his criticism of the OCC ruling.

"If the police action, which held terrorized citizens hostage during a sweep of the Castro, is proper, then what the Chinese government did in Tiananmen Square is proper because it was a very similar thing," Parsley told the *Bay Area Reporter*. "It's ridiculous. If the ruling means that such action was proper under current police procedures, then the procedures need to be changed."

Police Capt. Richard Cairns, the infamous badge number 1942, has been charged with unnecessary force and conduct discrediting the department for allegedly beating Barnette and others without provocation during the action.

The ruling is "perplexing" to American Civil Liberties Union attorney John Crew.

"The people detained in ice-cream parlors, bars and restaurants were not participating in unlawful civil



Lester Olmstead-Rose

disobedience," Crew said.

Lester Olmstead-Rose, a former community organizer with Community United Against Violence, called the OCC ruling "egregious and a travesty."

However, Olmstead-Rose, now an aide to Supervisor Angela Alioto, said that he found it "difficult to be angry" about the ruling.

"I get angry when I expect better. I don't expect better from the OCC. There they go again," he said.

Koskovich and other complainants have 10 days to review the evidence and the ruling and ask for an investigative hearing.

Spokespeople from local ACT UP chapters were unavailable at press time. ▼

that I'll always be cute, not pretty, and that the older I get, the younger people think I am.

Maybe I'll finally get a drum, learn how to drive, buy a motorcycle, stop biting my nails, and begin to cook for myself again. Maybe I'll cook for someone else. Heck, maybe I'll even become a vegetarian and make dinner for 10. Oh gosh, I'd better stop this right now — but not before I resolve to keep acting up, fighting back and working to make this city, state and world a better place for all us queers.

And finally, I resolve to try to have an emotionally meaningful, spiritually connected and sexually fulfilling relationship with a woman who lives less than 3,000 miles away. Unlikely, considering my crazy schedule, fear of being burnt and penchant for attracting adorable activist-oriented dykes who only live in far away cities like Toronto and New York.

Oh well, I'll work on it. After all, I've still got most of the year to go!

So Happy New Year, welcome formally to "The Year of the Queer," and gear up for what I know is going to be a great one! ▼

entertainment on Wilson's inaugural committee, would not answer questions regarding Gallagher's selection.

Wilson press liaison Dan Schnerr said, "We were made aware of Mr. Gallagher's act after the selection had been made. We have made it clear to Gallagher through his management that gay bashing is not appropriate entertainment for our event — and he has accepted that."

Schnerr went on to point out that, "Pete Wilson has been a tireless advocate for the rights of homosexuals. Throughout his career of public service anyone familiar with his record would know that he does not condone any

Protesters Target Inaugural

Lesbian and gay activists from across the state will descend on the state Capitol Monday to demonstrate in front of Pete Wilson as he is inaugurated as governor.

The coalition being organized by Queer Nation/San Francisco includes groups from across California as well as ACT UP chapters from San Francisco, Sacramento and Southern California.

"We have suffered through Gov. Deukmejian and from day one we are going to let Pete Wilson know we are watching him," said Jonathan Katz, one of the Queer Nation organizers. "We hope to help the governor focus his remarks toward issues of relevance to our community."

Queer Nation has printed fliers with the phone number of the Pete Wilson inaugural committee, (916) 446-5140, and has encouraged people to de-

homophobic statements against gay people."

Schnerr said he wanted to make clear that "the political views of any entertainer or personality at his event are not reflective of the governor-elect or of his administration."

The Rev. Jerry Sloan, Sacramento gay-activist, said, "Apparently they're very unclear on the concept. They may consider gay bashing to be inappropriate for their event, but it's simply not appropriate, ever."

"This invitation to Gallagher is tantamount to inviting Tom Metzger (Ku Klux Klan leader and head of the White Aryan Resistance) to a Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial. They might just as well have invited David Duke or Jesse Helms to talk about human rights as to do this. Obviously whoever made the Gallagher selection has a level of sensitivity that wouldn't find it offensive to invite Adolf Hitler as keynote speaker at a B'nai B'rith fundraising dinner as long as it would sell tickets ...

"The whole idea would be outrageous if it weren't so tasteless. People in our community are dying every day and this man, under the guise of entertainment, encourages Americans to look the other way, to laugh and applaud our deaths — and he's rewarded for that by being asked to entertain at the inaugural, a consecration of a new and supposedly beneficial beginning. The gay and lesbian community is owed an apology for this — and at the very least that man should not be allowed to perform at any official or quasi-official function of government that would even appear to condone his hate-mongering."

Still, Schnerr insists, "There is no message being sent to the gay community with this selection of Gallagher. He's there as an entertainer — that's all."

Wilson was at the center of a controversy in October when he told a Sacramento newspaper that he supported Gov. George Deukmejian's decision to order the Rainbow flag removed from the State Capitol on National Coming Out Day.

Festivities for the Wilson inaugural will start on Jan. 5 and run through Inauguration Day on Jan. 7 when Vice President Dan Quayle is expected to make an appearance and to bring inaugural greetings to Wilson from President Bush. ▼

mand Gallagher be removed from the program.

Volunteers in the inaugural committee office said they had received "numerous crank calls" protesting the comic's appearance.

Katz said Queer Nation had secured permits for a location of prominence on the K Street mall, which is directly in front of where the inauguration will take place.

"We are within spitting distance of the Capitol," Katz said, adding that demonstrators will not confine themselves to the area where they

have permits.

Katz said Queer Nation had three demands of Wilson. First, that AB 101, which would prohibit discrimination against gays and lesbians, be signed into law. Second, that legislation introduced by Assemblyman John Burton regarding gay marriage be signed. And third, that the Rainbow flag be flown over the state Capitol on National Coming Out Day.

Wilson said in October that he opposed the flying of the gay flag over the Capitol.

—Allen White

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Outer

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and to continue to expand my own sexual repertoire by trying ever more kinky means of sexual play, and to help others do the same. Eat your hearts out, right-wing America!

Working in a bookstore as I do, you'd think I wouldn't have to make a resolution to try and read more. But I do, for you don't think we actually READ all those books we recommend to you, do you?

Maybe this year, however, I'll actually read some of the fine new biographies available about gay and lesbian lives, or try again to get into some queer science fiction. Maybe I'll finally read some Zora Neale Hurston or tackle Gertrude Stein, get back into poetry and work my way through at least one of Barbara Walker's incredible texts on women's spirituality and mythology.

Perhaps I'll even try to judge that new novel a little less by its cover and read a few pages before deciding it's not worth my time. A lofty goal, that.

Perhaps I'll finally accept

Wilson

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His recent Bay Area performances were singled out by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation for boycotts and demonstrations.

In spite of the controversy surrounding his act, Gallagher was chosen to entertain at the gala along with a number of other celebrities including Mary Hart, Wayne Newton, Charlton Heston, Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Kingston Trio, Fred Travena, Julia Milgones, Robbie Britt and the Sacramento Symphony Orchestra.

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"I used to swim twice a day ... I was training for the World Masters Games. One morning I'd finished my workout and I was at the end of the row of lockers combing my hair. This muscley guy came swaggering along and I thought, 'Oh God, here's some straight guy that thinks he's hot shit.' And then just as he was about to pass me, he winked at me and said, 'You look hot in those jockeys.' ... And then he reached out and grabbed my crotch. I didn't know what to do so I said, 'Thanks.' ... Then he sat down, straddling the bench, by this time he had a huge hard-on, and he started slapping it against the bench and then his stomach. ... So I went into my row of lockers — the guy was really hot and I wanted him so bad but I thought it was just an impossible situation. So I was gonna pretend that I wasn't into it — which was pretty silly because I had this boner. As I tried to walk past him, he grabbed my hips, yanked my shorts away from my crotch, and started sucking my cock. Anyone could have come along, and there were these guys talking Hebrew right next door. So I whispered something like 'This is impossible!' and he said, 'Hey guy, just get into it.' I think he thought I was straight! So I said, 'No, no, no, it's just that there are too many people here.' He tried to suck my cock again so I pulled his head away by the hair. I think I might've said something like 'I really want to, but I can't here.' So he got up and said, 'Yeah. Maybe next time, guy.' And he swaggered off. I jerked off to that one for months."

by Brandon Judell

No, the above isn't from *FirstHand* or some other jerk-off mag. It's from an interview in Brian Pronger's startling new book, *The Arena of Masculinity: Sports, Homosexuality and the Meaning of Sex* (St. Martin's Press, \$22.95). Arguing against the diatribes of many gays who insist homosexuals are just like straight guys and are out just for the competition or physical improvements connected with athletics, Pronger insists there is gay eroticism in all sports and that's a good thing.

For this groundbreaking gay classic, Pronger interviewed males aged 20 to 75, and they told all, though often anonymously. To find out more about the work and Pronger, the B.A.R. phoned up the young man at his job and prodded him into answering in depth some questions that were puzzling us.

(Pronger, by the way, is a Canadian appointed an Honorary Research Fellow at the school of Physical and Health Education at the University of Toronto and a contributor to *The Encyclopedia of Homosexuality*.)

★ ★ ★

What spurred you to write about sports and homosexuality? And why hasn't anyone beat you to the punch?

My personal reasons for writing the book had to do with my own biography, I guess. I was a person who

was completely unathletic as a child and a teenager. Then as I got older, I decided I wanted to be more fit, thinner and all that. I started swimming. I really got carried away with that and finally went back to university and did a phys. ed. degree.

Having been an "out" gay person for oh, gosh, at least 12 years before that, and going into phys. ed. which is really, traditionally, a masculine athletic world, the juxtaposition of those things made me think that something quite interesting is going on here.

"I'm saying that the desire to suck dick or to get fucked or whatever, that in itself reflects an understanding of one's place in the world."

There's a real irony at work. Because of that life experience, I decided to write the book.

Now why hasn't someone else done the same thing?

That's an awfully good question. A couple of books have been written: the Kopay book and the recent book about the umpire. Those have been done, but they're all very personal stories. No one has tried to analyze sports and sexuality and homosexuality, the way these all interrelate.

In a new book, Dr. Larry Mass chats with John Handley, who heads the largely gay male New York Wrestling Club. Handley states at one point that his club al-



Erotic component to athletics is a staple of gay porn. Above: Dan Pace in Joe Gage's *LA Tool & Die*.

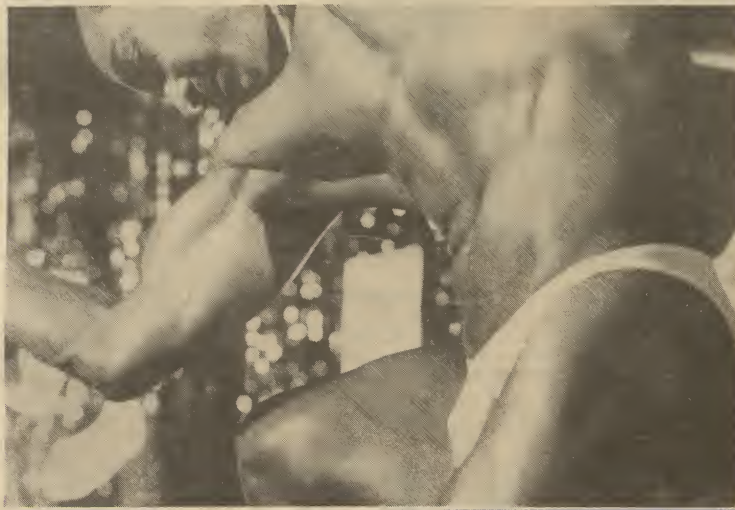
lows gay men to "more fully realize their masculinity through competition they would otherwise avoid ... that the strengthening of one's masculine identity results in a parallel strengthening of one's pride in being gay."

Did you find this also, that the more physically fit homosexuals got, the better they felt about their gayness because they didn't fit what is considered the "gay stereotype"?

My research argues against that. That the more muscular and powerful that gay men get, the more ironic they find it all. There is that sort of thing: "See we're not effeminate." But that always is undercut by what I talk about in my book as an "ironic kind of sensibility," which seems common to most really "out" gay people.

So I wouldn't say that it's a matter of saying, "See! We can be just as butch and strong as straight people" as it is a matter of saying, "See! We can get big and muscular like this and we're still queens."

In the beginning of your book, you state that "heterosexual practice is an erotic and social confirmation of the division of power in our culture through the myth of gender. It is, therefore, a poor standard for the determination of the ethical acceptability of other



(Photo: Rick Gerhart)

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—Brian Pronger, *The Arena of Masculinity*

sexual practices. The legitimacy of homosexuality lies not in its similarity to heterosexuality and orthodox masculinity but in its difference." This is sort of mind-expanding and quite original. What are you saying exactly there?

The real message is that we can be proud of being gay people for the really gay things about being gay, and we don't have to try to show how we're in some important way like straight people in order to have legitimacy. In fact, being gay is such a wonderful thing, I even say it's a more ethical thing than being straight.

Our standards have to be actually quite different to those of straight people. And our legitimacy lies in our experience, not in some sort of comparison with the straight world.

How can we have different standards when straights are 90 percent of the world? Shouldn't gays just try to improve the straight standards?

Well, that's interesting! I think if homosexuality gets seen for its worth — which is what I'm trying to do with this book — for instance, if the homoeroticism of sport itself gets to show itself ... gets to be publicized ... people'll realize what's going on there.

Then I think we'll start to show the orthodox world ... the straight world something new. We're then trying to

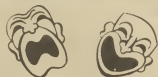
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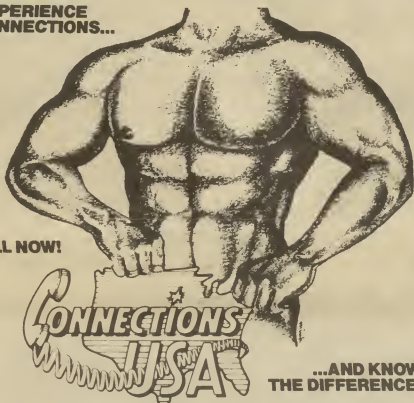
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CABARET

Nancy LaMott and Andrea Marcovicci Perform in Town

Fascinating Doubleheader

by John F. Karr

Nancy LaMott paid one of her infrequent visits to her hometown last week, for a booking at the Plush Room that was overshadowed by Andrea Marcovicci's week of concerts at the Herbst Theatre. The two shows made for a fascinating doubleheader.

Marcovicci remade the cabaret format to suit herself. Her concert was as much talking as singing, and she utilized her abilities as an actress to present an unabashedly sentimental salute to the popular music engendered by World War II. LaMott didn't veer from standard cabaret format — some casual patter separating a thoughtfully selected yet random bunch of songs. But quite simply, I found Nancy — unpretentious, hip and an impeccable musician — more rewarding and memorable than the creatively conceived, intensely performed but more self-conscious, self-serving and precious evening with Ms. Marcovicci.

Which is not to deny Ms. M's talent. For one thing, Marcovicci was attempting a lot more, and succeeded in the attempt. Her well-written concert treated us as adults all evening, and showcased the performer's wit and perception as she introduced the world of each song.

Marcovicci discoursed insightfully on the nature of romance, the differences in male and female response to it, and even explained how the war furthered feminism and changed the demographic and social fabric of both San Francisco and the nation. She also sang several dozen carefully chosen songs (or pieces thereof) that lovingly recreated a world gone by. She's an estimable artist.

Floating Lightly

Although Marcovicci has a small voice, with limited range, occasional pitch difficulties and only one coloring, she uses her instrument well. She lets it float lightly, and the glistening moonbeam entrances.

But she knows well enough to enhance her voice by capitalizing on her cosmopolitan glamour, patrician beauty and her dancing hands, which never stop caressing her cheekbones and shoulder blades — as if to make sure we notice them.

Marcovicci is foremost an actress, a linguist and storyteller. She reads a lyric like a poem, making perfect sense of its prosody. But she habitually connects the beginning of a subsequent sentence to the end of the preceding one, which may provide the theatricality upon which she thrives, but which hatches the musical flow in an irritating fashion.

And quel diva, does she grandstand!

"That sound, that wonderful sound," she gushes when we applaud. Tears well up in her eyes not from the drama of a song, but from the drama of our applause. She telegraphs her emotional state and flags a clever thing she's just said or done by letting ostensibly spontaneous gasps



Andrea Marcovicci sang World War II era songs at Herbst concert last week.

and little exclamations escape her throat.

I don't particularly care if all this is genuine and sincere; such onstage behavior begs audience approval in an unseemly manner. Andrea's too good for these Liza Minnelli tactics.

Marcovicci is a post-modern cabaret singer. She dismantled her act every step of the way, narrating songs before singing them, removing all elements of surprise, even



Nancy LaMott

taking the romance out of a mirrored ball by announcing and kidding its arrival. It was a testament to her talent, she had only to begin a number, and poof! every veil was back in place.

She's a sorceress, but I was watching her do all this more than appreciating the songs. Part of that is because the first act of her show is more Baedeker than balladry. Only in the second act did she settle down to do songs in their entirety, and only then did the evening attain a focus and fulfillment it had lacked. All she needs is a director and a touch more self-discipline to become a truly memorable, class act.

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Nancy LaMott, displaying on this visit an assuredness and a calm center that put the music front and center, needs a director, too (but it's an unusually rare singer who doesn't). She has moments — most noticeably when singing up-tempo, hackneyed stuff like "Alexander's Ragtime Band," or the lesser known "I've Got the Sun in the

Morning" (at least until she reaches the marvelously inventive and tricky last section of this arrangement) when she lapses into lounge singer. It's like she's checked out for awhile.

For the most part, though, she's firmly checked-in. She's at home with the Broadway style that calls for emotional identification with a song, as well as large dollops of act-it-out. But she's inherently a jazz singer, and her inventiveness is wonderful.

LaMott never distorts a song, but can take it to novel places. And occasionally, her jazz and acting come together, as in "It Might As Well Be Spring," which caused the audience to stop breathing. During it, she seemed to age 15 years into a worldly chanteuse whose emotional ache told just how far from spring she was, making the lyric all the more poignant. And she sang it with every dotted quarter note and jagged jump of pitch securely in place. (It'll be on her forthcoming album, which will also feature her musical director, the excellent Christopher Marlowe.)

She gave similar deeply rewarding treatments to the love ballads from Sondheim's *Merrily We Roll Along*, and a touchingly simple song called "The Child in Me," by her friend, Annie Dienerman. Berlin's "Blue Skies" let her roll out her jazzy chops, and other songs demonstrated some droll comedy.

A last comparison. Nancy revealed she's a Capricorn; they're notoriously lazy. While her casual presence is one of her charms, she could use some of Marcovicci's urgency. Marcovicci makes up for having less than half of LaMott's voice with the sheer intensity of her performances. Under the guise of graciousness, she commands us to like her. LaMott's casual demeanor diffuses her evening several times. She doesn't so much win us over again as win us back again. ▼

Correction

The byline for last week's Arts and Entertainment interview with Lance Loud was inadvertently omitted. The writer of the piece was Brandon Judell. The B.A.R. regrets the error. ▼

Gender Blur

Focus on Transsexualism is Problematic in New Book *Horsexe*

Horsexe
by Catherine Millot; Atonomedia, \$10

by Kate Bornstein

Books about transsexuals are rare enough. Looking back on 1990, it's interesting to note the publication of two major works on the subject — *From Female to Male*, by Lou Sullivan (reviewed in the *B.A.R.* earlier this year) and now *Horsexe* by Catherine Millot.

Until the publication of *Horsexe*, the leading academic detractor of transsexuals had been Janice Raymond, with her 1979 book *The Transsexual Empire*. Because Millot is a new detractor, and because she quotes extensively from Raymond's book, it is useful to look at the two works side by side.

Millot has done for post-modern Lacanian psychology what Raymond did for the more modernist cultural feminism — she has come up with a thesis which pigeonholes transsexuals as a psychosis, and transsexuals as psychotics. Far from an outright condemnation of their work, however, I find that both Raymond and Millot have contributed a good deal of well-researched theory to the field of gender disparity. Their revelations inform a new period in the evolution of humanity's dance with the transgendered, even though their conclusions may not be conducive to a harmonious world view.

A primary difficulty with the texts of both authors is simply that neither is transsexual. Each assumes a higher ground — Raymond a moral high ground, and Millot an intellectual high ground — from which to view and ultimately pontificate upon transsexuals and transsexuality. One could all too easily question the authority with which each so facetiously passes judgment. Yet there are distinct advantages to writing from a distance.

Raymond's book centers on the power wielded by the heterosexual male-dominated medical profession. Her thesis is that doctors are creating surgically constructed people who fit the gender stereotypes that will further the oppression of women. There is something inherent in both the biology and the socialization of each gender, contends Raymond, which makes men men and women women.

While vaguely admitting a global cultural heritage of transgenderism, Raymond asserts that in fact transsexuals and transsexuality are a 20th-century phenomenon. Surgical techniques, she says, and the presence of an enforceable (male-defined) system of pathology, allow for the "diagnosis" of "transsexuality" as well as for its surgical "cure." Men who feel they are women, maintains Raymond, are encouraged by this medical hierarchy to become a kind of Stepford wife kind of gal — and they are refused a "cure" (genital reassignment surgery) if they do not live up to that model.

My own dissatisfaction with transsexuals who simply drop the stereotypical gender

role of one gender to adopt the stereotypical gender role of the other is very much in harmony with Raymond's assertions along this line. Raymond is passionate in her writing. Her frequently expressed anger makes the reading of her book at once thrilling and off-putting. Raymond makes an emotional plea for the integrity of what she sees is natural woman.

Plea for Division

Millot, on the other hand, does take the post-modern route, making an intellectual plea for the integrity of what she sees is a natural division between men and women. She carefully examines researchers, including Freud, Lacan, Stoller, Kraft-Ebbing, and Raymond herself. She cites interviews with one female-to-male transsexual, and she quotes extensively from *Conundrum*, the autobiography of male-to-female transsexual Jan Morris. (Millot refers to each of these transsexuals in the male gender, an inconsistency the significance of which was lost on me.)

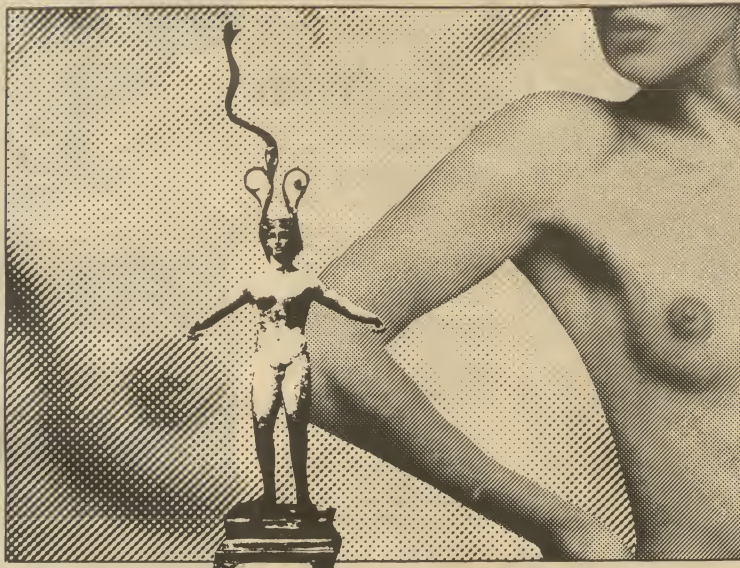
Millot further documents the history of the spiritual role of the transgendered in western civilization — back to ancient Greece and Rome. She comes forward in time to the 20th-century cult of the Skoptzy — a group of religious zealots whose rites included self-mutilation of many kinds, particularly castration for men.

Recent Phenomenon

The value of Millot's work lies in her documentation of Raymond's assertion that transsexuality is in fact a 20th-century phenomenon. That transsexuality as we know it today could not in fact have existed without the insistence on the part of both transsexuals and the medical and psychological professions that men be men and that women be women.

But here, Millot errs post-modernly, asserting that no answer to this phenomenon is possible — that psychosis is the only thread tying together thousands of years of transgendered (albeit, according to Millot, white, Western) behavior.

While I believe that both Raymond and Millot point out correctly that transsexuality as we know it today is a



recent phenomenon, neither admits or finds worth mentioning that each of their own disciplines — cultural (radical) feminism and (Lacanian) psychology is in fact a 20th-century phenomenon as well. And that each is a white, middle-class, Euro-centric discipline.

Both authors insist that a person's "sex," the biological basis for gender differentiation, is somehow senior to and more "real" than "gender," a term that implies social construction of identity. My personal take on this is simpler — "sex" is fucking; all the rest is "gender." Viewed from this point, no single culture has the final word on what determines the classification. Genes, appearance, role,

genitals and self-definition all take on equal (and equally silly) significance.

While each author details the spiritual history of the transgendered, neither author truly explores the spiritual tie-ins. Both are rooted firmly in the here and now. This comes across as a dismissal of spirituality as a whole.

Each of their scholarly and well-constructed arguments begins to crumble when held up to a cross-cultural model. And, post-modernly, each of their arguments begins to crumble when held up to transsexuality as only a part of a much broader cross-gendered movement in the history of humankind. That transsexuality as we know it today

— with most transsexuals insisting on adopting not only the biology but stereotypical gender roles of another gender — might only be a stopping-off place in the development of transgenderism as a respectable cultural and spiritual phenomenon.

The key to this latter thesis is, ironically, found in the title of Millot's book. *Horsexe* is a coined term which literally means "above, or beyond, sex." While both Raymond and Millot admit to and give evidence of a broad history of the spiritual role of the transgendered, neither seems willing to bring that spirituality into the context of today's culture. Rather, both cling to the

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Power

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by the Postmaster General and some incest survivors.

One must examine a Rex picture closely to appreciate the art versus porn controversy. He has a fixation on so

The men in Rex's drawings come strictly from that golden age of butch, the '50s. Sideburns, slicked back hair, elaborate USMC tattoos predominate.



No "cookie cutter men" from Rex: Detail from "NY-12-11-89"

many erotic devices that other artists take for granted.

The cigarette butts in an ashtray all say Camel. The knitting on a jockstrap is accurate down to the thread. Eyes are hidden in shadow, glazed with lust, or glinting powerfully, all by the placement of a dot.

Is it one-hand material, or is it museum-wall material? Both. It's pornographic art.

Lying to Get at Truth

The less immediate question that Rex begs is the part that internalized homophobia plays in our attraction to his work. He tells us that anarchist artists produce a lie that shows us the truth. Some might say that Rex's work is a lie, period. Straight guys don't give each other hand jobs, and gay guys don't look like that. Ah, the eternal debates of our fair community.

But while you're pondering such philosophical conundrums, don't bother to tell Rex about positive images, healthy lifestyles, or the hygienic complications of canine fellatio, because you just don't get it. His pornography is an expression of rage at this dysfunctional society. The struggle of being an outsider is a value from which all great art must at some point spring.

Or as Rex puts it, "The artist exists to make waves. You have to take chances. Do whatever people don't want you to say or do or be. The forbidden has power."

Editor's note: For more information about Rex's art write to or drop by The Magazine, 731 Larkin St., SF, CA 94109. ▼

Is It Art or Porn?

In the debate about Pornography and Art it seems constantly to come down to just two questions. Is it Art or is it Pornography? No one has yet had the courage to suggest that pornography just might be an Art Form.

The term for this is Pornographic Art and it's a legitimate form which has been around since history began. A school of art as distinct as portraiture or still lifes; practiced and prized by every society that's ever existed; though not always spoken openly about. All the great museums and universities of the world — including the Vatican — contain their prized collections of Pornographic Art.

Nearly every great artist from Michelangelo to Picasso has tried his hand at Pornographic Art. How American museum and art gallery directors can fail to even raise this point in their own defense is yet another indication of the intimidation and hypocrisy on which the American art scene operates. Instead, through this whole tedious censorship debate they sweat defensively and argue that Porn is not Porn but indeed Art — terrified they might have to admit to the naive American public that such a thing as Pornographic Art has always existed.

... The traditional role of art has always been as opposition to whatever party line the Church and State are

passing out. Art should be a lie which makes us see the Truth, making us question the mental garbage shoveled daily to us by Church and State which ask only of us

"Drawing Dirty Pictures is very much an act of Civil Disobedience, much more satisfying and probably more productive than burning the flag."

that we obey their madness with unquestioned obedience.

This is why Pornographic Art is such an exciting form in which to work. Because when you portray the socially unacceptable you are — in essence — giving the finger to the social structure in which you've been indoctrinated. You'll note that Pornography has only two real critics — the Church and the State. Everyone else seems to know

where babies come from and what goes on in the real world when the lights go out. And what goes on is that during sex — and thoughts about sex — Church and State lose their suffocating control over our minds. For those precious minutes they cease to exist in our lives. So drawing Dirty Pictures is very much an act of Civil Disobedience, much more satisfying and probably more productive than burning the flag. Flag burning simply pollutes the environment, but pornography brings other people great joy. At least when it's well done.

I think as a child I wanted to grow up and become an Anarchist because I was so repelled by the perpetual venality on which American society operates — all doxed up in the U.S. flag, crucifixes clanking ominously whenever a new thought appears in the room. But being an Anarchist seemed a rather exhausting way to make a living, and rather passe — so I decided to become a Pornographic Artist instead. But I think when Pornographic Art is well done it does come close to Anarchy. But it has to be very well done, and that's very rare. But it's what I strive for — to really get their juices flowing till they lose control: That's Anarchy.

—from Rex's writings on Pornography and Art

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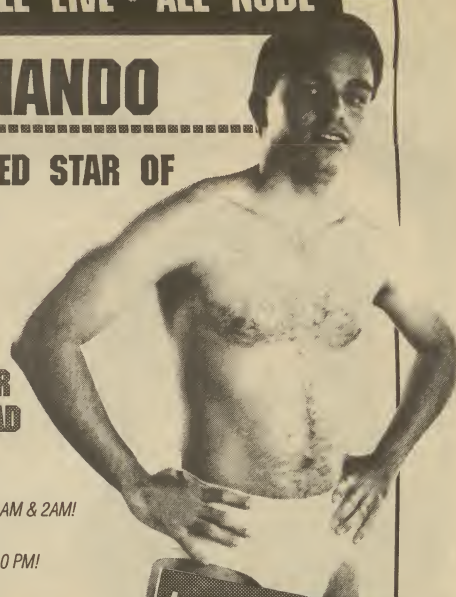
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1990: A Beat-ific Year

by David Taylor-Wilson

You could say a lot of things about the state of music in 1990, but boring isn't one of them. It was an exciting year, one that initiated a new decade with one hell of a bang.

Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow

As the new year began, two lads from Germany were sitting pretty with their debut album in the No. 1 position for the seventh week. A fifth single from this album, in only its second week of release, had just cracked the Top 40.

These guys were on top of the world, and life was good... or was it?

The album, *Girl, You Know It's True*, the single, "All Or Nothing," and the group, Milli Vanilli, would all end up securing themselves a place in the musical history books. Not to mention the joke books.

Just as their album surpassed the eight-million sales mark, word was out that the group was a fake. That their entire success was a fraud, that Milli Vanilli frontmen Fab Morvan and Rob Pilatus had lip-synced their way to fame.

The ultimate disgrace came later, when the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences revoked the Grammy award the group had won for best new artist, the first time in the 33-year NARAS history that such an

action had been taken.

Here Comes the Judge

But more controversy kept a spotlight brightly affixed upon the music world. A group known as 2 Live Crew was monopolizing headlines thanks to a federal judge from Florida who ruled that their rap album, *As Nasty As They Wanna Be*, which made use of sexually explicit lyrics, was obscene, and as such as illegal to sell.

This immediately propelled sales of the album into platinum status, as everyone was curious to see what all the hoopla was about.

Meanwhile, the group saw themselves in and out of Florida jails as they attempted a concert tour in support of their album. A Fort Lauderdale record store owner was even arrested and thrown in jail on misdemeanor obscenity charges for selling the album. Another record store owner, this time in San Antonio, Texas, was charged with promoting obscene material for also selling the album.

This paved the way for heated debates as to whether or not an artists' right to expression was fully covered and protected by the First Amendment.

It further led to the adoption of a uniform "explicit lyrics" sticker that all the major record labels agreed to voluntarily affix to new releases containing lyrics that could be

considered "objectionable."

Also in 1990, heavy metal rockers Judas Priest were trying to convince a jury that their music does not contain the motivation necessary to cause listeners to contemplate, much less commit, suicide.

This came to trial after a teenage boy entered into a mutual suicide pact with his best friend. One of the boys survived the death pact and testified that after having listened to the Judas Priest recordings, they were convinced that within the lyrics was a message that spelled out that death was the only answer to their unhappy home lives.

Nailing Down Success

Perhaps the most surprising success story of 1990 was of rapper M.C. Hammer.

In March, Hammer released his sophomore album, *Please Hammer, Don't Hurt 'Em*. Radio programmers jumped on it immediately. Suddenly, the catchy single, "U Can't Touch This," was everywhere. Its samplings from a former Rick James hit earned it the nickname, "Son of Superfreak."

In an attempt to spur sales of the album, Capitol Records decided not to release the single. Instead, they sat back to see what radio stations would do if left on their own.

Consumers found themselves faced with only one choice: they had to buy the album. Sales of the album



Way up, then way down year for Milli Vanilli.

went right through the roof. In just seven weeks, the album had cracked the Top 10 and reached the No. 7 position. (Remember, no single had yet been released!)

The single was finally released during the last week of April, debuting at a hearty No. 27 on the Pop charts. It was the highest debuting single since 1985's "We Are the World" by USA for Africa.

On June 23, the album, now certified triple platinum, moved into the No. 1 position. What would follow was an unbelievable stranglehold on this position. For 21 weeks, *Please Hammer, Don't Hurt 'Em* held onto the No. 1 position before passing on the torch to another rap artist.

That feat in itself marked history. It was the first time that a rap album would succeed a rap album in the top spot.

As presstime, M.C. Hammer's album is still holding at the No. 2 position, and has now been certified platinum eight times over. It has become the biggest selling and most successful rap album of all time.

Dominating Divas

1990 was also a year that saw the charts dominated by women like never before.

In February, three different girl groups had singles in the Top 10 simultaneously. Seduction had the No. 2 single with "Two to Make It Right," Expose had the No. 9 single with "Tell Me Why," and the Cover Girls rounded it out with "We Can't Go Wrong" in the No. 10 spot.

This was the first time that three different girl groups had appeared in the Top 10 since September 1964, when the Supremes, the Shangri-Las, and Martha Reeves and the Vandellas commanded the pop charts.

Furthermore, with Expose's single now at the No. 9 position, that made them the first girl group to achieve seven consecutive Top 10 hits since the Supremes scored with a string of hits that began in 1965.

In March, musical history was made again when for the first time in chart history women owned the top three singles on the pop charts and the top two spots on the album charts. Allannah Myles, Taylor Dayne and Janet Jackson controlled the singles chart, while Paula Abdul and Janet Jackson commanded the album chart.

In May, the women struck again. This time they locked up the top five spots on the pop singles chart. Madonna, Heart, Sinead O'Conner, Wilson Phillips and Janet Jackson were in command. This was the first time since June 1979 that this had occurred. Back then, Anita Ward, Sister Sledge, Donna Summer and Ricki Lee Jones did the honors.

(Summer had two hits in the Top 5.)

And then there were the newcomers. From England came soul singer Lisa Stansfield. Her debut solo album, *Affection*, bulletted to the top of the album charts in just a couple of weeks.

Her infectious blend of Philadelphia-brand soul and contemporary house rhythms, overlaid with electrifying vocals, was certified platinum and remained a chart-topper right until year's end.

Stansfield became the first white female soloist to land two No. 1 hits on the Black Singles chart. This she did with "All Around the World" and "You Can't Deny It."

Also from across the Atlantic, this time by way of Ireland, came Sinead O'Conner. Her album, *I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got*, went to No. 1 in just four weeks. Her smash single, "Nothing Compares 2 U," an emotionally riveting revival of a Prince-penned and previously recorded single, rocketed to No. 1 on the pop charts in just six weeks.



Lisa Stansfield

O'Conner, with her sometimes bald, sometimes crewcut coiffure, became a media darling. She laudably turned down an invitation to appear as the premiere musical guest on NBC-TV's *Saturday Night Live*. Doing so would have meant sharing the guest marquee with Andrew "Dice" Clay, who had become widely known for his derogatory and denigrating remarks about women.

Mariah Carey was the other big newcomer. Only 19 and with a great set of pipes, Carey saw her self-titled debut album go double-platinum. Two of its singles, "Love Takes Time" and "Vision of Love" reached No. 1 on the pop charts.

"Vision of Love" held the No. 1 spot on the singles chart for seven weeks, longer than any other single that year.

All told, the women collectively controlled the No. 1 position on the singles chart for a total of 31 weeks.

(Next week: Wrapping up 1990.) ▼

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Storm Warnings

by George Heymont

When opera's professionals speak of the art form as something that has become very "precious" and "dear," they are not referring to opera's cloying sentimentality. In most instances they are taking a hard and fast look at the bottom line.

During the past decade, the opera business has changed dramatically. The devaluation of the US dollar has kept the best artists working in Europe's heavily subsidized opera houses where they can earn much higher fees. Meanwhile, the tremendous increase in job opportunities has left more and more American opera companies clamoring after fewer artists. Singers who once coveted a chance to perform with the San Francisco Opera now have many more options. It's becoming a seller's market.

Today's economic recession has led to a cutback in single ticket sales and donations, which can only make it harder for an opera company to meet rising expenses. The late Dr. Van Lawrence, who for many years was Houston Grand Opera's throat specialist, had a unique way of describing opera's fragility.

"Did you ever see a British movie called *Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines*?" he once asked me. "I like to use that as a sort of analogy. In the film, they have some ancient, creaking old structure that's been put together with piano wire, glue and chewing gum. Eighteen people get behind it and go pushing it down the runway while its wings are drooping and sagging. As they push it, the engine begins to sputter, the thing begins to gain speed, and all of a sudden, if they're lucky, it takes off and flies."

"That phenomenon is analogous to grand opera. It doesn't always take off and fly. Sometimes it crashes in flames and can be god-awful. But, Daddy, in those minutes when things really take off and fly, there is nothing like it. No other art form can even come close. Even now, I'm goose-pimpling as I describe it to you."

Crash Landings

While those goose pimples are the thrill every opera fan craves, the road to success is strewn with operatic crash landings. Under the best conditions, one struggles to put on a good show and prays that everything will work. But with so many people involved in one endeavor — and so many variables at play — the odds that something will go wrong are overwhelming.

Recent years have witnessed a steady erosion of artistic integrity and quality control at major opera houses. *New York Magazine's* music critic, Peter G. Davis, notes that today's audiences at the Metropolitan Opera are so easily satisfied (or else so pathetically ignorant) that they will applaud anything even if a performance reeks from poor stage direction and sloppy musicianship. Opera companies in Seattle, Houston, Tulsa and San Diego — which perform on a "stagione" basis — seem to have better quality control as well as better informed and more truly con-

tented audiences.

Several performances last fall were such shockingly inept artistic fiascos that, had I not been attending on press seats, I would have been tempted to run to the box office and demand a refund. The issue at stake is not merely one of artistic integrity. It involves the severe economic ramifications of continued audience disenchantment.

As the Metropolitan Opera, New York City Opera and San Francisco Opera have all fallen victim to "feeding the machine."

Audiences have finally begun to question their need to be charged exorbitant prices for a shoddy artistic product. Lately, I've heard people say that they're not renewing their opera subscriptions because they're tired of feeling ripped off. The blazing mediocrity of many performances has convinced them that they're simply not getting their money's worth. Despite their undying love for the art form, these people feel they're entitled to more bang for their buck.

I really can't blame them. These people are paying a lot more to go to the opera than the press ever does.

Although music critics will rant and rave about all sorts of "egregious" artistic transgressions, the critics don't usually shell out their own hard-earned bucks to pay for opera tickets. Either their publication is picking up the tab or the opera company is supplying them with comps (the perks of a dubious profession). They're rarely forking over \$200 per performance to cover a pair of orchestra seats, transportation and dinner with a friend.

Problem Solver

A second-rate cast — in a production that ranges between mediocre and appalling — genuinely tries my patience. For many San Franciscans, last Halloween's performance of *Un Ballo in Maschera* marked the nadir of the 1990 fall season.

Too ill to perform well, soprano Susan Dunn made a brave but abortive attempt to sing Amelia opposite Ermanno Mauro's ghastly Riccardo. Anne Ewers' staging generated about as much excitement as lima beans that have been microwaved far too many times. The only piece of casting which seemed fully justified was Tracy Dahl's Oscar. And therein may lie the key to solving one of the San Francisco Opera's biggest problems.

Casting any opera is a dangerous crapshoot. Yet many of America's regional opera companies are getting phenomenal results using young artists who have not yet achieved international stardom.

The Houston Grand Opera has experienced stunning success by casting singers like Maureen O'Flynn, Robert McFarland and Renee Fleming in leading roles. Lyric Opera of Chicago triumphed by casting Donald Kaasch in the title role of Dominick Argento's *The Voyage of Edgar Allan Poe*. If the Sarasota Opera is brave enough to sign former Merolini Tod Kowallis to sing Riccardo in Verdi's *Un Ballo*



Soprano Susan Dunn sang the role of Amelia and tenor Ermanno Mauro was Gustavus III in the San Francisco Opera production of *Un Ballo in Maschera* this fall. (Photo: Larry Merkle)

in *Maschera*, why shouldn't the San Francisco Opera be willing to take the same risk?

Wouldn't that be a smarter choice than paying an appallingly mediocre artist like Ermanno Mauro (whose

name isn't going to sell tickets) a larger fee to deliver a substandard performance? Why not pay a young American conductor (who might coax more exciting work out of the SFO orchestra) less

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Judy on TV: The Last Word

Rainbow's End: The Judy Garland Show
by Coyne Steven Sanders; Morrow, \$22.95

by John F. Karr

My redoubtable guide to SF after-hours recently took me to El Rio, where the queens were imposing. One belted mariachi at high emotion and another, a queen well over six feet tall who had neither the talent of nor a resemblance to Judy Garland, lipsynced three too many of her greatest hits anyway.

Now I don't think anybody in the world should impersonate Judy, much less a queen as broad in the shoulders as a football player. I mean, Judy died once; isn't that enough? But this fellow insisted, and my guide, who doesn't miss a beat whatever nightspot or tight spot he's in, leaned over and whispered to me with gallant viciousness, "It's *uncanny* how much like Judy he sounds."

There's no lipsyncing in this new book about Judy's television show, and it's *uncanny* how much of the real

Judy we can feel in this account of every incident, portentous or piddling, that occurred during the taping of her show. I don't admit in public to being a Judy fan, because I was at those concerts

fiend I know ate two copies the day it came out.

Record Straightener

This book deserves entry in the *Guinness Book of Records for Anal Retentiveness*. No detail is too small for inclusion. And while it doesn't reveal anything new about Judy — her fans won't need the many verifications that she was a swell woman with a neat sense of humor, that she loved people sincerely, was generous, etc. — the book does set the record straight in one very important way.

Judy has taken the blame for the demise of her television show for years, and it ain't necessarily so. Although the minutiae here can bog down even the most faithful fan, it is interesting to see how the egos and greed of TV land did the show in and who the real villains were — because, of course, it wasn't our Judy!

Author Sanders shows insight into Judy's life and por-

Nothing is too trivial. Did Judy burp? At what time? And why? This book is relentless.

where silly queens shouted "We love you, Judy" and generally acted like fools.

Perhaps I just don't understand obsession, but those so obsessed will adore and devour this new book. One Judy



Barbra, Ethel and Judy belt one out on Garland's ill-fated CBS show.

trays her affectionately as a brave trouper who was willing to work her ass off because she saw her show as her last chance for financial security. He exhaustively examines each episode of the show (all 26), discussing the songs that were sung, which songs weren't sung, what both Judy and her guests said off-camera, and how Judy once again was made to appear her own worst enemy. Sanders also finds June Allyson drunk, Ethel Merman hogging the spotlight, the media cannibalizing Garland, David Begelman (allegedly) embezzling, Mel Torme conning, plus lots of other essential dish.

The book catches Judy moment to moment in a way

that will make Judy-obsessives positively swollen with glee. As for me, the sheer weight of detail got me tired.

Nothing is too trivial. Did Judy burp? At what time? And why? This book is relentless. I put it down and played the records, because it's like someone says in the book — no matter what craziness was going on in Judy's life, no matter the ups and downs of her career or the rebellions of her pill-and-liquor-laced body, when she sang, she could still do it to 'em.

As research and history goes, *Rainbow's End* is unlikely to be replaced by a future book on the same subject. It's the last word. Me, I like the records. ▼

FILM



Weird 'dos and punchy put-ons in Aki Kaurismaki's *Leningrad Cowboys*.

Dumb but Daffy

by Warren Sonbert

The hot Finnish director Aki Kaurismaki's sloppy, shaggy dog of a movie, *Leningrad Cowboys Go America*, is surely worth a gander. I haven't seen a comedy so dumb as a skunk and yet so daffily smile-producing since John Waters' *Hairspray*.

Forget the witty literacy of *Reversal of Fortune* or the hellzapoppin' farcical verve of *Labyrinth of Passion*. And don't be wary of foreign film artiness or a superfluity of subtitles.

In fact you can send your pals into tailspins of envy by casually dropping the fact that you've "seen the latest Kaurismaki." When they wonder what sushi bar you've been frequenting, you can effect a double blow by *correcting* them!

Picaresque Exploration

Leningrad Cowboys follows the high and low fortunes of a lightly differentiated group of "rock" musicians from the tundra who decide to try for big-time exposure state side. This is an episodic, picaresque exploration in the vein of Jonathan Swift — or rather more like Jerry Lewis' directorial debut, *The Bell-boy*.

The band's sound isn't quite hip enough for below 14th St. Manhattan, where they're told to seek greener pastures playing for a Tijuana wedding. Thus begins a haphazard cross-country odyssey covering the same territory as (but in a gratefully altogether different vein than) *Wild at Heart*.

The slow takes and punchy put-ons reflect Jim Jarmusch's influence (who has a cameo here as a shifty car salesman negotiating a questionable auto deal with the naive musicians). There really are no stars in this movie, no plot, no development, no resolution. But there is enough fun to keep matters afloat with andante momentum.

Imagine *Airplane* or *The Naked Gun* (if you groan at one joke, wait a few seconds for the next shameless tweak to come along) but paced with the underwater lethargy of *Stranger Than Paradise* or *Mystery Train* and you'll have some idea of the jeopardy you'll be getting into. The film is some kind of disgrace. I laughed more times than I'd like to admit. ▼

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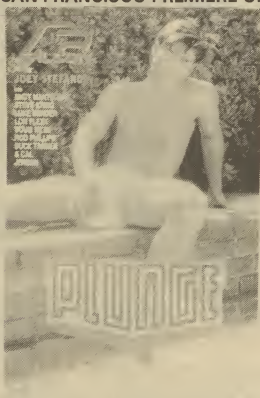
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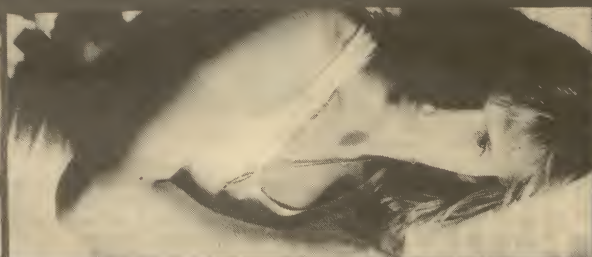
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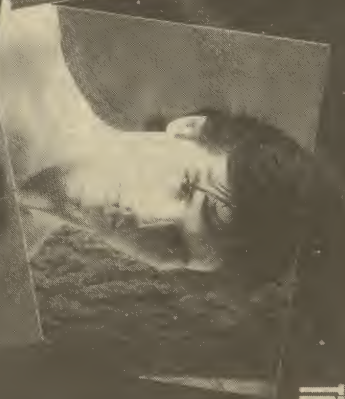
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Men on Men 3

Edited by George Stambolian; Dutton, \$21.95 and \$10.95

by Dennis Harvey

Subtitled "Best New Gay Fiction" (though for god's sake, isn't it about time they got it right as "Best New Gay Male Fiction"?), the first volume in the *Men on Men* series was, in 1986, a victory sign, yet another piece of evidence that we'd arrived via the "Gay Fiction Renaissance" (that was only officially ordained as such when already proven writers finally got picked up by major publishers).

The 1988 follow-up was a pleasing affirmation, and now the third Stambolian-edited production is the first to come off as biz-as-usual. And that's affirming too, of gay lit's enduring marketplace and artistic value. And of its being (like any other loosely bracketed genre) a finite rather than bottomless well, one in which new talent is variable, reputations aren't always borne out and revelatory works are all the more dear for being hard to come across.

The median quality among the 20 stories here rates about a B-plus, and interestingly that judgment doesn't vary much within the three distinct sections Stambolian has employed this time. The first is devoted to new (to *Men on Men*

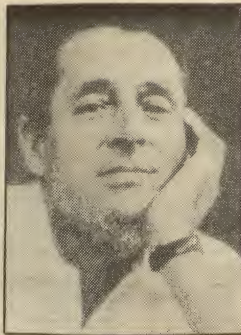
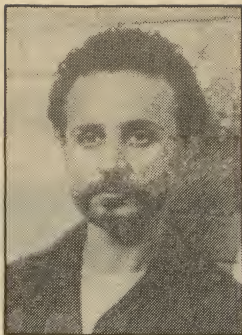
at least) writers, the second an honorarium to three writers (Robert Ferro, Michael Grumley and George Whitmore) who recently died of AIDS-related illnesses, the third a sort of where-we're-at look at works by some well-established authors like Felice Picano, Edmund White and Andrew Holleran.

Most of them tend to affirm the status quo rather than break new ground. There are no voices as shockingly original as Dennis Cooper, White or others were on first contact. If there's a strong theme that the book presents — beyond the inevitable we-are-everywhere-and-we-are-unclassifiable — it's not AIDS, despite its presence here and there. Rather, it's attention to the nature of families both lost and found.

Perhaps in this midpoint in a "plague era" that has no end in sight, nostalgia for freer, better days has collectively given way to examination of the evolved and hopefully matured communities that must now be our major solace.

Telling Glimpsees

There's an awful lot here about the nuclear families left behind (and sometimes reconciled with), as well as some tell-



Men on Men 3 contributors Felice Picano, left, and Paul Monette.

ing glimpsees of the brave new interpersonal configurations that will increasingly define that ever-shifting phantom we call "gay life."

Paul Monette's opening "Halfway Home," about a severely HIV-infected man whose waning days in a southern California beachhouse are intruded upon by the well-intentioned, not particularly welcome reconciliation of his formerly tormenting, now staidly middle-class brother, fails because the protagonist's point of view is so snippy. We'd better understand his angry rejection of the fumbling brother's newfound benevolence if the rage didn't seem so entirely self-absorbed.

William Haywood Henderson's "Myths" is an important addition here by virtue of its Native American berdache-in-the-making theme, but the insight is limited by a narrative approach so elliptical it can scarcely be penetrated.

The collection's first triumph is Robert Houle's "Blond Dog," a sizzling encap-

sulated life — and beyond-life — history of a Texan queen's pursuit of breathless "glamour," perceived in tacky pop-culture terms. With its flamboyant prose, "Blond Dog" reads like John Kennedy Toole taken one step further into poignant drive-in-screen-high humanism, past parody into acknowledging pathos, and then into a full spiritual leap.

Joe Keenan's "Great Lengths" is a funny riff heading toward a one-joke payoff rendered less resonant by its having been done so well so recently by Gary Indiana in *Horse Crazy*. And do we really need another jolly intoxicated I'm-in-love-with-a-narcissistically-manipulative-(probably)-straight-god narrative?

Closeted Agent

Novelist Christopher Bram comes up with multi-leveled surprises in the delicately crafted "Meeting Imelda Marcos," in which an Old School comfortably-closeted government agent finds himself seduced/being seduced by the hippie boyfriend (he doesn't even like) of a cherished niece.

Philip Gambone's "Enrollment" is another fine, hands-on-table story, in which the protagonist's mixed feelings at attending yet another big family gathering where his lover is tactfully included/ignored arrive at a beautiful closing epiphany of subversive "family" ritual.

Entering Dennis Cooper wild-side territory is Bruce Benderson's "A Happy Automaton." Here, that Burroughs/Genet/Selby-type infatuation with a lowlife user is just part — albeit ultimately a violently melodramatic part — of a downsliding narrator's odyssey from the mainstream into a scary personal destiny of crack, lengthy blackouts and helpless emotional dependence on a pimp-like figure.

Stambolian's own "In My Father's Car" is hardly "gay fiction" if centrality of subject matter is our scale. But why should it be? This is a story less about gayness than about the omnipresent semi-reluctant rebonding with the spectre of Dad Himself, who in this case is a Greek-American immigrant capitalist in no way ready to face the imminent death his AIDS-surrounded son has already grown used to living with, and expecting.

Craig Lee's "Popular Mechanics" is more family stuff, with a well-drawn if not particularly satisfying tale about how a post-divorce shuttling to Dad's new town places the adolescent hero in an untouchable social caste (neither upscale "soph," redneck nor Latino hellraiser) at his new high school.

Bill Wright's "When Marquita Gets Home" similarly emits a whiff of psychological-

ly complex atmosphere that doesn't quite add up to much in its life-slice of two Brooklyn siblings whose bitter shared loyalties to their fucked-up parental past block unconditional love — toward each other, or toward any stray outsider.

Bernard Cooper's "English As a Second Language" seems even less satisfying as a few frames from what might be an interesting longer work. Martin Palmer's "Journey" simply echoes with grace but no major insights the déjà vu experience of another middle-aged man revisiting the kinkfol, to whom he's basically closeted. Peter Cashorali's "The Ride Home" is a mildly compelling mini-*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* in which bitter dynamics amid AIDS-weakened/fearing couples looking for and rejecting a Santeria faith-cure produce an unexpected schism in the central pair's own seemingly solid relationship.

The only really reprehensible story in the collection is Michael Lassell's "Willie," which comes off as a self-righteous braggart's crowing about the various blacks and Latinos he's been involved with during 40-plus years of downscale living. The angry denunciation of other people's racism and reverse-racism here tends to get overwhelmed by the obnoxiously macho-poseur tone Lassell chooses for his narrator. It's somewhat redeemed by a poignantly lost conclusion as the narrator finds himself homeless (and "found" by a former lover with whom he's too proud to fully reacquaint his now-ragged self). But the writer doesn't provide enough distance between us and the figure's own bilious voice to make room for sociological sensitivity.

Panhandling Pair

A more delicate take on homelessness is Felice Picano's "Why I Do It," a blunt but touching vignette of an unlikely panhandling pair who pick their way through the terrors of current New York City with a survivalist's mixture of sado-masochism and tenderness.

Finally onto the revelation block comes Matias Viegner's "Twilight of the Gods," an audacious and sporadically hilarious imagining in which Rock Hudson, Michel Foucault and Roy Cohn find themselves ensconced in the same French "AIDS Cure" clinic to let loose their intellectual winks and erotic pleas to one another. It's hard to imagine the full-length novel Viegner expects to design from this extract, but it's harder still to imagine not devouring the eventual work, disastrous or brilliant as it may come out.

Another wild card, in a very

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That Magic Feeling

by Kate Bornstein

On Dec. 21 this year, my lover and I celebrated our first anniversary. For a special treat, my lover had bought a game called "An Enchanted Evening," one of the new non-gender specific games put out by Games Partnership, a San Francisco-based company.

My mood swings take me from irascible to mushy. Fortunately, I was leaning toward a mushy space when, on the evening of our anniversary, my lover and I decided to have "An Enchanted Evening."

OK, my lover and I are still gaga about each other. But times have been hard; work has been a strain. I moved to San Francisco to get away from the cold weather, and our apartment has a great working fireplace, but otherwise no heat at all. So my life hadn't exactly been filled with the joy of our relationship when we sat down to play this thing — it had been filled with anxiety over bills and racking my brain to figure out how to keep warm.

"It is best that a specific date and time be reserved for playing," say the instructions, "so that each of you can look forward to this time together." Well, we'd done that, and so there we sat in the warmest spot of the house, curled up on a few blankets and under a few more.

The cover of the box has white roses, white chocolates, raspberries in a silver bowl and a beautiful lace tablecloth. I began to register a protest about the classist graphics, but fortunately my lover told me to hush. Begrudgingly, I thought, Yeah, it's sorta sweet.

Object of the Game

We opened the box and began reading the directions. The object of the game is "To spend a wonderful time together sharing the beauty and warmth that relationships offer." I looked up, and my lover's eyes were positively sparkling. Aw, shucks.

We lit some candles and carried on reading the instructions. The goal of the game is to be the first to reach the space marked "Finish," say the instructions. Yeah, yeah — so what? "Once there, the winning player gives his/her partner the card on which the wish is written." "Wish?" I

say to myself.

"The 'losing' player is obligated to make his/her partner's wish come true." Hmm, thought I, looking newly at the heat rising in my lover's cheeks. "In this game, however," say the instructions, "both players 'win.'" "Of course," I said to my lover. "We're queer, and we are in California, aren't we?" I got a kiss, and was told I'm cute when I'm being political. Sigh.

It was time to start, and we had to write down these wishes on the blank "wish" cards provided. Feeling somewhat warmer now, I scribbled down my wish. "The wish should be one that can be completed the same evening the game is played" read the increasingly friendly directions.

Heh, heh, heh, thought I. And no, I'm not going to say what it was. I lost anyway, so I didn't get it — that night, anyway.

Romantic Then Sensual

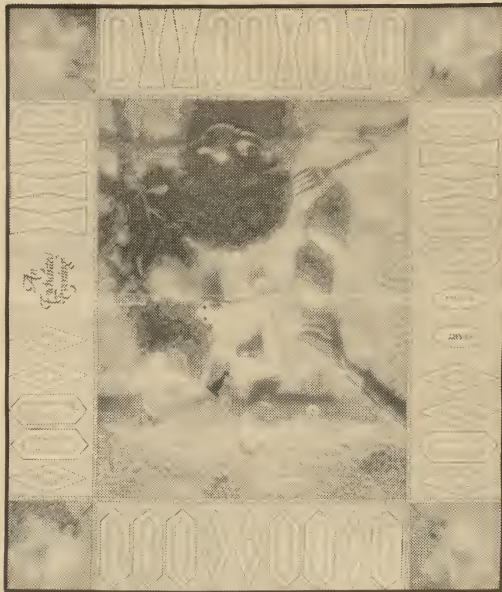
The game is played by rolling a single die (very cleverly designed) and landing on

spaces which tell you to pick up certain cards. For the first half of the game, the cards are romantic — some to be answered, some to be acted out.

During the second half of the game, the cards get more sensual — again, some verbal; others, well, tactile. It was getting quite warm in our apartment.

Around the board we sauntered. We traversed the genuinely sweet "The future includes hopes and dreams — what three things do you hope your partner will experience this year?" and the positively steamy "Your partner sighs and whispers, 'Again' — what do you think created that response?" Plus the kinda fun "Your partner may know what you like, but why guess — ask your partner to gently stroke a part of your body" to the quite enjoyable "Describe a favorite (real) movie scene that you would like to play with your partner." (Mine was from *Henry and June*, you know, "You're so small — I could break ya in two.")

The candles burned down, and the fire crackled comfort-



Non-gender specific board game, "An Enchanted Evening."

ingly. My lover looked even more radiantly beautiful than she usually does, and I was swimming in the warmth of our love. Then, with a role of the die, she moved onto the

square marked "Finish," and she grinned as she slowly drew her wish out of the envelope.

Good game — have fun with it. ▼

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Harvey Milk Video Released

Locally based DSO Productions has just released *Hymn for Harvey*, a 28-minute video tribute to the slain gay rights activist and San Francisco supervisor. The tape, which includes a musical poem and interviews with author Randy Shilts, Supervisor Harry Britt and B.A.R. publisher Bob Ross, also features what its producers call a "previously unheard interview" with Milk.

The tape sells for \$24.95 (plus \$3 shipping and handling) and is available through DSO at 601 Van Ness Ave., Suite E 3425, San Francisco, CA 94102. ▼

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Sports

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change the way things are done in the orthodox world.

So, for instance, say in the Gay Games ... (with) the integration of men and women and the moving of the emphasis away from competition. ... These kind of trends, I think, come out of gay experience. These are all things we can help teach the orthodox world. They're better ways of living with each other.

But in gay culture, this is not a straightforward thing, because in gay sports, the Gay Games, for instance, there are some people who take the competition extremely seriously, and they're just as mean as any straight man. Which I think is again missing the whole point of gay experience, which is focused on equality. Not on creating differences.

In the book *American Couples, four different sets are examined: heterosexual married and unmarried, gay male and lesbian. The only grouping where there weren't power trips about money, etc., were the lesbian couples. Do you feel men are chemically, mentally or physically born competitive?*

I don't buy the biochemical explanation for human behavior. I think that what happens with women, especially lesbians, has been forced ... or because of their position, which is one of tremendous subordination, they have been forced to rethink the way that human relationships work. Gay men, who are not as sub-

ordinated as lesbians, tend to be more within the traditional sort of patriarchal structure. So they don't tend to question as much.

But in my book, I argue that our erotic desire is fundamentally a desire to undermine things about that culture. What we need to do is very actively pay more attention to the meaning of our erotic experiences and let that percolate all the way through the rest of our lives. A lot of us are very busy denying that, and one of the ways of denying is to be as straight as you can be.

Would your theory go down the drain if next year or in a decade scientists actually find a gene that causes homosexuality? Or do you think it is impossible?

I think it is impossible. They haven't found any con-

"Our legitimacy lies in our experience, not in some sort of comparison with the straight world."

nection between biochemistry and human behavior. What they have been able to do is isolate certain drugs that can control behavior. That's very



As analyzed in *The Arena of Masculinity*, the Apollonian significance of the jock straps in this ad for the William Higgins video *These Bases Are Loaded* is enhanced by the athletic paraphernalia.

different from explaining human behavior.

Aren't you then in one sense saying our environment makes people homosexual?

No, not exactly. What I'm saying is that homosexuality and heterosexuality are ways of understanding one's self in a world of power.

So are you saying homosexuals choose to ... ?

No, I'm saying that people who engage in homosexual activities are people who have a special sense of themselves. Where that special sense of themselves comes from I couldn't explain any better than someone could explain where a poet comes from or a where a great artist comes from. I see homosexuality as a talent.

You do say that "being proud of being gay is like being proud of being a fine artist, a superb athlete or an insightful thinker. It is the pride of



accomplishment." Isn't that pushing it? Do you actually believe that just being gay is an accomplishment? There are a lot of dumb homosexuals who are out there just for an orgasm.

I'm not just talking about intelligent homosexuals. I'm saying that the desire to suck dick or to get fucked or whatever, that in itself reflects an understanding of one's place in the world.

Now some people are very articulate, putting it into words and seeing the political ramifications and all that sort of thing. But that fundamental kind of understanding on which of all the rest is based is, I think, common to all gay people.

Can you explain your triad of gay sensibility "de-emphasizing the impact of intuition," "grasping the irony of paradox" and "changing the authority of the myths"?

What I argue is that fundamentally there's this paradoxical homosexual sense of the world, and then from there you ask: "How do you relate yourself to the world?" I say that there are three sensibilities which are not mutually exclusive. They intertwine and mingle in all kinds of really interesting ways.

But the first is the "de-emphasis," which is where you take this paradoxical intuition and downplay it as much as you can. You identify as much you can with the orthodox world, with the straight world, with the kind of ordinary everyday world. You can do that by never having gay sex or having it only surreptitiously by getting married, by acting as butch as you can in the locker room or by being a certain kind of really straight athlete. Or by saying, "Look! See we're just like straight people so get off our case." All that I see as de-emphasis.

"Change" is a sensibility that comes from gay liberation and feminism which looks at these myths of power and imagines the world where things would be different. There wouldn't be any difference between men and women. The power differences wouldn't be there. It always interprets the world in the context of how things



Gay softball player poised in the on-deck circle.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

ought to be for it to be a better world.

And the other sensibility that I talk about is "irony." Irony is the most complex and, I think, the most authentic of these sensibilities because it grasps the dualities of being a gay person in a straight world. It finds its expression all over the place in gay culture, in drag, in some aspects of gay athletic experience.

One of your more controversial ideas in the book is that for gay men, sports are different than for straight men. That there is an eroticism whether on the field, in the locker room or while lifting weights. Lots of gay men will try to deny this.

Well, that is a matter of trying to de-emphasize it. There's a kind of homophobia lurking there by saying, "No, we're just in there pumping iron like everybody else. There's nothing erotic about being surrounded by all these sweaty guys. Sex has nothing to do with it."

That is not acknowledging the eroticism of sports. Here there's a sense that there is something wrong with sex showing itself there. "Sex has its proper place. It should be kept in the bedroom, in private."

Instead, in my book I'm saying, "Look! Gay sexuality is such a wonderful thing. It should flourish in the locker room. It should be a big thing on the wrestling mats and all the playing fields and in the weight rooms." Wanting to downplay it is a kind of fear of the sex. And I think gay sex is such an important and good thing that it should be celebrated in these environments rather than tried to be shut out. ▼

Arts Policy Meeting

The public is invited to comment on a Proposed Arts Policy for San Francisco Thursday, Jan. 24, 1:30 p.m. in Room 282, City Hall. The plan addresses arts funding, the preservation of arts facilities, education, issues of cultural diversity, and more. This hearing will take place before a joint meeting of

the Arts Commission and Planning Commission, and it is the first item on the agenda.

A copy of the draft may be picked up at the Arts Commission offices, 25 Van Ness Ave., Room 240 (near Market St.).

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TO YOUR HEALTH

An Embarrassing Illness

by Dianne Aaronson

If you were sick in bed with the flu and you had a column to write, what topic would come to mind? Right — flus, colds, the whole mess. That seems to be what's up for me anyway. And judging from the inavailability of my favorite remedies at the stores yesterday, looks like I'm not the only one, either.

I'm always embarrassed when a flu finally stops me in my tracks. I watch other people dropping like flies while I hold on till my fingernails bleed, all the while feeling kind of blah but not bad enough to stay home. Then, about a month or two after everyone else is on the road to recovery, I finally succumb. Sometimes I think the easier road is to give in at the first whispers of something gone wrong and get it over with.

As I said, I find this all very embarrassing. I'm the one my friends and work buddies always looked to as the extremist in terms of healthy diet, lifestyle, etc. Over the years I've had to take a lot of ribbing from people when they saw that I could get sick, too. This revelation would usually be followed by suggestions that I go out and party, eat junk food and lots of sugar so that I could be "healthy like them."

Partial Solution

My partial solution to this dilemma was to narrow my circle of friends to people who approach food and exercise in ways similar to myself. That way, we can all be embarrassed together! And yes, I still have the nerve to write about health and fitness, even as I sit at the computer with



Sometimes our bodies (and minds) just need to stop for a while. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

clogged-up sinuses. Maybe I get to experience all of this so I can turn it around and give you the benefit of my first-hand research on remedies.

The idea is that we're supposed to get sufficient sleep and relaxation, eat the right foods, remain stress-free (content with our jobs, family, friends, pets and living situation) and therefore (presumably) never get sick. At least that's my fantasy.

The truth is that, even if we were able to control all of the variables and have a picture-perfect life, we might still get sick. We have cycles — sometimes we're up, sometimes we're down (literally). It is often difficult to accept this concept, especially when illness can be such an inconvenience. We all have people to meet and places to see.

However, sometimes our bodies (and minds) just need to stop for a while. Whenever I'm trying to be accepting and philosophical about my forced inactivity, I remind myself that "inactive" is not necessarily static. I liken it to a gestation period. It looks like nothing is happening on the out-

side, but all kinds of things may be brewing on the inside, the unveiling of which may come at a much later date.

Just think about all that we can get done in those eight hours we call "sleep." I used to program myself to write term papers for school during this time, so that the words would roll right out of me when I awoke.

Favorite Treatments

Having a cold or flu can be a drag, however, whether you go with the "gestation" theory or not, so here are a few of my favorite herbal treatments.

An old standby for preventing the flu or catching it in the early stages is a Chinese herbal formula known as Yin Chiao. These little tablets come in regular and high-strength formulas. Any store in Chinatown will carry these. I've bought them in the Castro at Buffalo Foods.

In the Western tradition of vitamin supplements, vitamin C is also an old standby as well as zinc and A. Zinc

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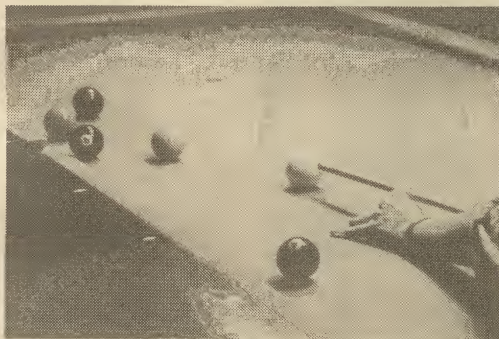
League to Celebrate Season 25

The S.F. Pool Assn.'s movers and shakers will gather at the Cinch next Tuesday night to celebrate the achievements of their 25th season and to rally behind their representatives to WCC. XXII, an event that features the champions of four major cities.

It was back in September when the fall season's first individual event was held, E.Z., CEO of Park Bowl Weevils, notched another victory on his cue stick.

A series of eight preliminaries to establish the finalists for the tenth Annual 9-Ball Championship began in late September and culminated with the finals on Oct. 27. Sponsorship by Bud Light allowed Ed King to produce commemorative T-shirts for all entrants and all finalists will receive cash prizes as well as trophies for the top four finishers.

Fourth place went to Torri Connelly, Bernard Bayaca fin-



Hand of Ching Ng poised for shot at 9-ball tourney this fall. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

ished third and Lauren Ward, playing in her third consecutive 9-Ball Championship finals, edged Jim Russo in two matches to win the title for a second time.

November's main event was the MVP Tournament, in which Tim Chitwood finished

fourth. Third place went to Lisa Duncan, and Gary Brower would prove too much for Jack Dunbar to handle in this final match.

The Star Search field was limited to those .500 and under. Checking into the record

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Community Leagues Return

by Jerry R. DeYoung

Before beginning this premiere presentation of the Japantown Bowl Community Bowling Leagues' adventures on the lanes, I entreat the self-appointed moral musketeers to cease launching their venomous volleys of verbal vilification at this frail frame. It was not I who linked the coarse compound adjective "fame-hungry" with the nice noun "bowler." (Ed. note: He lieth not.)

As some of you know, there are six Community Bowling Leagues: Sunday Reno (17/4-member teams, 4-

meetings), Monday Hawaii/Las Vegas (12/5-mtg.), Tuesday (19/5-mtg.), Wednesday (12/5-mtg.), Thursday Afternoon (7/3-mtg.) and Friday (20/3-mtg.). The personalities of these long-established bowling leagues vary from "intensely competitive" to "let's just have a good time," as the average range (86-202) implies.

The format for the leagues' team standings and personal accomplishments will deal with three of the six community leagues every other week — four this time due to the Thursday Afternoon Community League (TACL) Final Team Standings. The 1991 season for the TACL will commence Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. — 3-mt, 90 percent handicap and \$7.50 per bowler. The TACL is particularly attractive to bartenders, swing-shift workers, household-environment engineers or anyone else with a couple discretionary hours in the middle of the day.

Personal Note
On a more personal note, anyone wishing to showcase the achievements of a San Francisco league bowler in a local or out-of-town tournament, please contact this writer at 864-0364.

Finally, here they are: the first Community League Team Standings and 200-plus/600-plus Clubs published in more than three years. The two conspicuous achievers of these club listings are Rick O'Brien, who bowled all three games over 200 for a magnificent 668 series, and James Mitchell, who has the proud distinction of having the lowest average (136) of the 200-plus club members. ▼

JAPTANTOWN BOWL COMMUNITY BOWLING LEAGUES

Team Standings

TuesdayCommunityBL, December 18, Week 13		SundayRenoBL, December 16, Week 12	
W	L	W	L
Ginger-Ales	38 14	The King Pins	24 12
Armed Bandits	35 17	Looney Tunes	23 13
Giraffe	34 18	Passions Purple	23 13
Gilmore's	32½ 19½	The Outsiders	22½ 13½
Bearly Bowlers	31 21	Split Sisters	22 14
Bench and Bar	30 22	Brady Bunch	20½ 15½
Alley Cats	28 24	Rendezvous Rollers	20½ 15½
Kane O Hawaii	27 25	Bedrock Babes	20 16
Wrecking Balls	27 25	Magic Markers	19½ 16½
Fab Five	27 25	Alley Cats	19 17
Go On Girl	27 25	Team 13	19 17
Whoops	26 26	Four Paws II	17 19
The Simpsons	25 27	Team 16	17 19
Jungle Red	25 27	Pinheads Too	17 19
Magic Markers	22 30	Rendezvous Rockettes	16½ 19½
Sticky Fingers	21 31	Just Missed	12½ 23½
Men At Prey	21 31	Mostly Straights	10 26
Tender Vittles	19 33	Glenn Judd (180) 200, 240 (612); John Galaznik (175) 224; Rick Aguilar (144) 223; Jim Gerren (157) 205, 210; Tom Neidert (151) 208	
Cinch Spurs	17½ 34½		
Chuck Adkins (190) 238; Rick O'Brien (187) 217, 238, 213 (668); Elizabeth Yesowitch (152) 224; Steve Moses (178) 222; Dan Simon (162) 225; Randy Peterson (193) 216; Allen Neitzke (186) 213; Jeff Dorsey (175) 205; Bruce Gresham (159) 205; Paul Chudomelika (164) 204			
ThursdayCommunityBL, December 13, Week 14 (Final Standings for 1990 Season)		MondayHawaii/LasVegasBL, December 17, Week 17	
W	L	W	L
Team 4	39 17	No Blondes	15 5
The Sunrises	38 18	Lola's Lushes	12 8
The Mint	36 20	Spare This	11 9
Team 2	33 23	Spare Parts	11 9
Pendulum	31 25	Up Your Alley	10 10
Old Rick's	27 29	The Mahulani	10 10
Team 6	12 32	Zee Snaps	9 11
		St. Francis Too	9 11
		Four Boys & A Rose	9 11
		Bowlerinas	8 12
		Judy Nhisguys	8 8
		St. Francis Club	4 12
Dennis Hale (170) 225; David Gin (163) 220; James Mitchell (136) 215; Tom Snyder (153) 214 Jack Margid (159) 219; Dennis Hale (178) 207			



Distance runner Dave Studach

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

Step by Step Into '91

by Rick Thoman

Long distance runner Dave Studach is looking forward to a happy New Year. After successfully navigating San Francisco's marathon contingent to 1990's Gay Games III, 1991 holds even more surprises and excitement.

As Team San Francisco's co-chairman for marathon, Studach helped in the training and development of over 25 runners, including himself, for the Vancouver Gay Games. His training sessions were both supportive and fun and have become so popular that the participants have formed the new Bay Area Distance Runners Club.

"After the Games, a lot of people wanted to hang on to the camaraderie and spirit that had developed during our weekly runs," explained Studach. "Early in 1990, we only had a core group of about a half dozen people, but Vancouver acted as a catalyst and our group has now expanded to about 50 runners."

Enjoyable Experience

As a result, the Bay Area Distance Runners Club was organized and now meets bi-weekly throughout the Bay Area. The Club basically caters to those interested in training for the marathon, a grueling 26-mile race that Studach's group has turned into as enjoyable an experience as it can be.

"We're serious about training to run and finish a marathon distance, but each individual sets their own goals," Studach said. The group is split about 50/50 men and women and includes runners from age 22 to 62, at all levels of ability and experience. "We had a lot of first time marathoners come out for the Games, and many of them were so pleased with their accomplishments that they're staying with it. We're particularly pleased with the

involvement and dedication of the women in the Club."

In addition to the Vancouver Gay Games marathon, members of the Club also competed in marathons in Rotterdam (Netherlands), Seattle, Portland, Chicago, Las Vegas, New York, Washington, D.C., and throughout the state of California.

Studach says 8 to 10 Club members are currently in training for the April 15, 1991 Boston marathon, while other members are working toward marathons in Napa (Mar. 10), Los Angeles (Mar. 3) and the Davis, California, half-marathon on Feb. 3.

Step by Step

The Club works on a step-by-step progression of mileage every other week until they reach the 26-mile plateau. Training runs take place throughout the Bay Area so that a traveling burden isn't placed on any one group of participants and for the variety the different locales provide. Runners are encouraged to progress at a pace that is comfortable to themselves.

"Our two best performances for 1990 were David Full, who ran a 2-hour and 51-minute race at the California International Marathon in Sacramento on Dec. 2, and Donna Henshaw's 2:58 in the Napa Valley Marathon last March. We also had a runner, John Hickey, take 10th overall with a 3:01 at the Gay Games," Studach reported proudly.

He went on to say, "We've got a strong group of runners mixed in with some first time marathoners, with everybody receiving equal amounts of encouragement and support."

For those interested in finding out more about the Bay Area Distance Runners Club, contact Studach at 626-1380 or Lois 586-6013. ▼

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FRIDAY 4

• **El Rio:** Happy hour 5-8 p.m. DJ dancing 10 p.m.-2 a.m. No cover. 3158 Mission, SF. 282-3325.
• **Enrique:** Fronted by two adorable singer-dancers named Jason and d'Arcy, Enrique performs a mixture of obscure tunes from the '70s and hilarious originals. Jan. 5 at Nightbreak, 1821 Haight, SF.

• **'Friday Night Live' at Amelia's:** Nicole Bilotti hosts an evening of live music, comedy & guests featuring Blues Per Square Inch with Alesia Panajota. 9:30 p.m.-1 a.m. \$5 cover. Amelia's, 647 Valencia, SF. Ellen, 552-5407.

• **'Clear Cutting the Gulf'...** the musical: A solo performance/multi-character piece by satirical songwriter Dave Lippman. Thru Jan. 26, plays Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m. \$5-9. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia/19th St., SF. 641-0235.

• **Spoken Word Savages:** Vampire Mike & Chris Trian reunite after their last successful pairing in an evening of rock 'n' roll satanism and gut-wrenching satire, plus special guests. 10 p.m. \$3. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia/19th St., SF. 558-8112.

• **Bay Area Concerto Ensemble:** Presenting double concertos by Vivaldi, Telemann & Mozart. 8 p.m. \$10. Trinity Chapel, Dana & Durant, Berkeley. 549-3864.

• **'Black Revolution':** A mixed-media installation, depicting a futuristic view of frustrations out of control due to decades of injustice, by artists Kelvin Curry & Stephen Barnes. Recep. 7-10:30 p.m. On view thru Jan. 26, Wed.-Sun. 12-8:30 p.m. Artists' Television Access, 992 Valencia, SF. 824-3890.

• **Lesbian & Gay Partner Dancing Course:** Intermediate level six-week course every Fri. thru Feb. 8, 7:30-9 p.m. \$60 adv. \$65. Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission/11th St., SF. Gene, 621-8441.

• **Lesbian & Gay Partner Dance Practice Party:** Dance to great recorded music, ballroom, Latin and c/w. 9-11 p.m. \$4/person. Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission, SF. 621-8441.

• **C&B Bondage Club:** Presenting English dungeon films followed by live games. Free. 7 p.m. 583 Grove, SF. 431-8748.

SATURDAY 5

• **'The Fabulous Lypsinka Show':** John Epperson returns with his drag, lip-synching tour de force. Plays thru Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. Additional shows at 6 p.m. on Jan. 5 & 6; 10 p.m. on Jan. 4. No shows Jan. 1, 2 & 7. \$10. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St./Market, SF. 861-7933.

• **'The Midnight Marsh':** Performances by Ed Crasnick. The Enormous Ensemble, Philip Horvitz & Liz Ozol. 10:30 p.m. \$6. The Marsh at Cafe Beano, 878 Valencia/19th St., SF. 641-0235.

• **A Different Light:** Author Joel Redon reads from his uplifting AIDS novel *Bloodstream*. 3:30 p.m. 489 Castro, SF. 431-0891.

• **Gay Artists & Writers Kollective (GAWK):** Fun, upbeat & social writer's workshop, Jan. 5 & 6 at 3 p.m. Call Jon Sugar, 731-2424.

• **Gay & Lesbian Artists' Alliance:** General meeting open to all artists. Bring potluck dish & slides. 6 p.m. MCC, 150 Eureka, SF. Call Richard, 863-0212.

• **SF Hiking Club:** Rodeo & Tennessee Valley, Marin Headlands, 10-mile hike. Meet under big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, 9:15 a.m. Bring lunch, water, sweater, jacket. \$7/car shared among riders. Rain cancels.

SUNDAY 6

• **Bay Area Concerto Ensemble:** Pianist Seth Montfort performs works by Chopin and others to benefit the ensemble. 5 p.m. \$8-10. SF Dance Theatre, 60 Brady/Market & Gough, SF. 558-9355.

• **A Different Light:** Author John Gilgun reads from his book *Music I Never Dreamed*. 7:30 p.m. 489 Castro, SF. 431-0891.

• **G40 Plus Club:** Aerobics instructor Don Goodman is the guest speaker. Bring donations for AIDS Food Bank. 2-4 p.m. First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin/Geary, SF. 552-1997.

• **Metropolitan Community Church:** B.A.R. columnist Mike Hippler delivers the sermon at 7 p.m. service. He will preach about his spirituality and what gives him hope at this time in the life of our community. Services also at 9 & 11 a.m. 150 Eureka, SF. 863-4434.

MONDAY 7

• **I-Beam:** White Trash Debutantes: Dandelions. 10 p.m. Free. 1748 Haight, SF. 668-6023.

• **Reading & Talking Women:** Tonight at 6:30 p.m. Call Pat at GLOE, 626-7000.

• **Women Writers:** Workshop for lesbians over 50 with any level of expertise. 6-8 p.m. 1853 Market, SF. 626-7000.

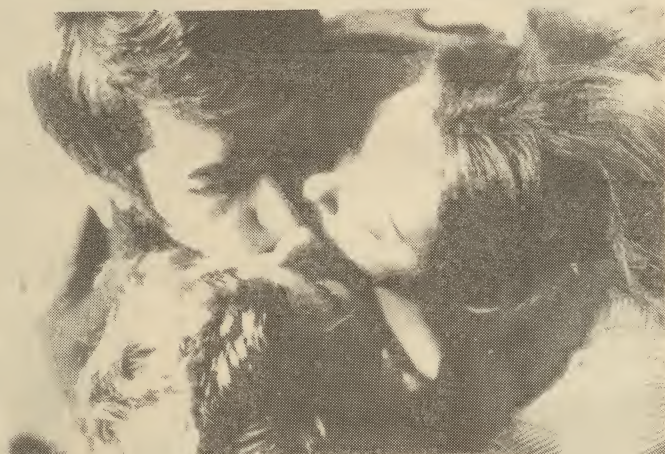
• **Bay Area Coalition for Our Reproductive Rights (BACORR):** Planning meeting to organize a community forum on women of color and the fight for reproductive freedom. 7 p.m. Valencia Hall, 523-A Valencia/16th St., SF. 648-1519.

• **Duplicate Bridge Game:** Quicktricks Bridge Club open game. 7 p.m. MCC, 150 Eureka, SF. 285-5155.

TUESDAY 8

• **The Treehouse at El Rio:** An open mike night featuring acoustic music & poetry. 9 p.m. Free. El Rio, 3158 Mission, SF. 282-3325.

• **'Structure':** An exhibition of mixed-media works by artists incorporating elements of architecture and engineering. Recep. 5:30-8 p.m. On view thru Mar. 16. Spectrum Gallery, 511 Harrison, SF. 495-1113.



The best of the SF gay film festival series continues at the Castro Theatre (most) Wednesdays in January and February. On the Jan. 9 double bill are two films from Spain, Eloy de la Iglesia's political thriller, *The Deputy*, above, and *Extramuros*, which stars Carmen Maura as a 16th century lesbian nun. One of the most compelling gay films ever, *The Deputy* is something of a cross between the Dirk Bogarde vehicle *Victim* and Costa Gavras' *Z*. Jose Sacristan stars as a gay leftist politician whose male prostitute boyfriend has been set up for him by fascists. In *Extramuros*, Maura's lover faces stigma to create fame for — and a turnaround in the dwindling fortunes of — their convent. As an evocation of pre-industrial lesbian love, *Extramuros* is nothing short of a downer; Maura's dramatic closing scene seems way in excess of the facts. The film is nonetheless an intelligent, rigorous inspection of the religious and political structures of the era, and can be recommended highly.

—Daniel Mangin

Week

- **Lesbian & Gay Partners Dancing Course:** Beginners level six-week course every Tue. thru Feb. 12, 7:30-9 p.m. \$60 adv., \$65. Studio 204, 3435 Army St. (old Sears Bldg.), SF. Gene, 621-8441.
- **Radical Women:** Commemoration & discussion of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Dinner 6:45 p.m. (\$5), meeting 7:30 p.m. 523-A Valencia, SF. 864-1278.
- **MENtor:** A new organization in the gay male leather community promoting education & understanding of safe sex, S&M/fetish sex practices. Meets 8 p.m. at 890 Folsom, SF. Call 255-7262.
- **ACT UP/Golden Gate:** Meets Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., at 347 Dolores, SF. Parking & assisted access available. Call 252-9200.

WEDNESDAY 9

- **Not For Real:** A solo performance by Leonard Pitt of an erudite old gent who goes on a journey to uncover his past. Along the way his mind turns inside-out as he cascades through a rollercoaster of new vaudeville & high drama. Thru. Jan. 20, plays Wed.-Sun. at 8:30 p.m. \$10-12. Life on the Water, Ft. Mason Center, Bldg B, SF. 776-8999.
- **Lecture by Artist & Composer John Cage:** Best known for his pioneering & historic work in contemporary music and his philosophy of "nonintention," renaissance man John Cage will perform a new musical composition, *One 7*, and discuss his work. 7:30 p.m. \$3-5. SF Art Institute, 800 Chestnut, SF. 771-7020.
- **Literary Agreements:** An experienced literary attorney will answer questions concerning contractual negotiations between authors, agents & publishers. 7-8:30 p.m. \$5 mem., \$15 others. Ft. Mason Center, Bldg. B, Rm. 300, SF. 775-7200.
- **Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG):** 7:30 p.m. at Church of Our Savior choir room, 10 Old Mill Rd., Mill Valley. 457-1115.
- **SF AIDS Alternative Healing Project Informational Meeting:** Learn about our comprehensive treatment program using acupuncture, Chinese herbs, bodywork, therapy, nutrition & group support. Quan Yin Healing Arts Center, 1748 Market, SF. Call Howard for details, 861-4964.
- **Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network Community Orientation:** Held at the Face to Face office, 16632 Hwy 116, Guerneville, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (707) 887-1581.
- **Bereavement Support:** If you know senior gay men who have lost loved ones, Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders has private bereavement support. George, 626-7000.
- **Gay Masculinist Coalition:** A consciousness-raising & support group for progressive gay men seeking a more inclusive version of antisexism than that offered by feminism. We give focus to men who have healthy anger about man-bashing (feminist or traditional) and who love men enough to want to learn more about them in an unbiased way. Write Gay Masculinist Coalition, P.O. Box 590236, SF, CA 94159.
- **Queer Nation:** A new gay/lesbian direct action group fighting discrimination, misinformation and violence against homosexuals through visibility and community outreach meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Women's Bldg., 3543 18th St./Guerrero, SF.

THURSDAY 10

- **'Introductions 1991':** An exhibition of new artwork by emerging artists represented by the gallery. Recep. 6-8 p.m. On view thru Feb. 9. Vorpall Gallery, 393 Grove, SF. 397-9200.
- **Day at the Matinee for Lesbians Over 60:** Spend an afternoon at the movies with us. Call Pat, 626-7000.
- **'The Healing Circle':** A safe, supportive space for anyone on a path of self love & self healing. About 100 individuals use sharing, singing, meditation, visualization, hugging & laughter to create a powerful experience of love & support. 8 p.m. SF Dance Theatre, 60 Brady/Market & Gough, SF. Philip, 826-5150.
- **Men's Friendship Group:** Meets at 2:45 p.m. at 711 Eddy, SF.
- **Ministry of Light's Rainbow's End:** Lesbian, gay & bisexual youth group for ages 14-21. New visitor drop-in time 6:30-7 p.m.; group time 7-9 p.m. Call 457-1115.
- **Coming Home Hospice Bingo:** Every Thursday. Doors at 6 p.m., games at 7 p.m. Most Holy Redeemer Church basement, 100 Diamond, SF. 648-8508 (message).



- **'Hard Rocks - Male Nudes and Explicit Views':** Paintings exploring the male physique and gay sexuality by SF artist Ruben Jay. Jan. 9-23 at My Place Saloon, 1225 Folsom, SF. Recep. Jan. 9, 6-8 p.m.



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book was Mele DeVictoria in fourth place, Larry Fulwider in third and Norman Whited defeated Dusty Derouen for the victory.

Full Field

The Women's WCC Qualifier was held the following week at the Cinch where a full field of eager competitors shot it out to determine the first S.F. players for WCC. XXII Michelle Spicher exhibited a personal best effort in her fourth place finish. Lauren Ward was third and Torri Connelly capped an undefeated outing by stopping Lisa Duncan in the final.

The All-Star Tournament was held the following week.

The top seeded player, Elliot "E.Z." Zalta, sailed through the field undefeated and claimed his sixth All Star title. Bernard Bayaca finished second, with Rick Bradford third and David Ranch fourth in the WCC's Open Individuals Tournament.

The 14-week fall season determined the 16 playoff teams that faced off Nov. 27 in first-round action. The first to be eliminated were Special Effects, White Swallow International, Demonic Detour, Uncle Bert's U.B.1 Too, Badlands Rock N' Roll, Cinchsa-

tions, Rams Need Head Too, and Badlands II.

Second-round action saw the top-rated Park Bowl Weevils dodge elimination by overcoming an 8-5 deficit vs. Special Edukashun to survive by a narrow 9-8 margin via a Jim Russo tie-breaker win. Cinch Sexy Six saw a similar scenario unfold as they edged Red Bearons 9-7. White Swallow Hunters easily handled Lands End 9-3, and Cinch Sorority L.D.D. shocked Overpass T-Toddlers, 9-6.

Semi-final sweeps saw the Weevils down the Sexy Six and Hunters raid the Sorority, both in two consecutive matches. The Six would claim third and Sorority fourth, the latter in spite of its No. 11 seeding.

The finals would feature a clash of the two top seeds, Weevils vs. Hunters. The Hunters discomfort on Park Bowl's 9-foot table was evidenced by a 9-4 Weevil romp. The tables seemed to have turned when the Hunters racked up an 8-5 advantage in their second match at White Swallow. Jim Russo closed the gap to 8-6 and both Lauren Ward and Ching Ng then summoned up Nick o' Time table runs to knot the match at 8-8. Russo next delivered the Championship with yet another table run, an ultimate weapon against which opponents are powerless. ▼

Gender

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uniquely Western belief that there are two and only two genders, and that these genders are determined biologically, enhanced sociologically, and played out psychologically. In fact, many non-Western cultures quite comfortably accommodate a range of up to six genders. A fascinating study might have been to see what direction the spiritual aspect of transgenderism could soon be taking, given both the historical and (ignored by both authors) the cross-cultural precedents.

It would be easy to dismiss both books as "transgender-phobic." In fact the tone of each is reminiscent of early authoritative books on gays and lesbians written by non-gays and non-lesbians.

For transsexuals or those close to them — or for anyone with gender issues — look for no comfort in either of these books. I would strongly suggest the reads, as both authors have intelligently gathered information which is valuable to those differently gendered. One recommendation, though. Don't be overwhelmed by Ramond's powerful emotional arguments, or by Millot's relentless intellectualism. Take what you like and leave the rest behind. ▼

Illness

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lozenges are made specifically for this purpose.

There are numerous herbal formulas on the market for flus and colds. The most popular seem to be tinctures that contain echinacea and golden seal, but herbal combinations will vary depending on whether you have a cold, stuffed sinuses, a sore throat, etc.

In addition, there are various herbal teas. I use one with slippery elm when I have a sore throat. My roommate came to the rescue of my sinuses yesterday by purchasing fresh lotus root from Chinatown. Slice that up and steep it in boiling water and it's supposed to help unclog the nasal membranes.

I also purchased a homeopathic remedy specifically for sinus and sinusitis. Quite a deal for the money — you get 250 pills for around \$8 and you take two every two hours till you get relief. That's what sold me — the label — it gave me hope that someday I

would find relief.

And actually, I have, but it's hard to pinpoint whether it was the lotus root tea, the homeopathy, the hot bath in eucalyptus and juniper oils, or my two attempts at breathing in some obnoxious steam made with boiling water and distilled white vinegar. Maybe it was all of the above; guess I'll never really know for sure, but something worked.

This miserable period of flu symptoms has made me a very dull girl, but if anyone asks, I'll just tell them I'm gestating. It sounds much more important and is not half as embarrassing.

Dianne Aaronson, Gay Games gold medalist, has been in the bodywork field for over eight years. She holds an M.A. from John F. Kennedy University in clinical holistic health education with an emphasis on somatics (body/mind) therapy. Dianne has been offering somatics-related classes in the Bay Area and Seattle since 1986. Her column "To Your Health" appears in the B.A.R. every other week. ▼

Men

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different key, is Noel Ryan's "Big Sky," a Montana mountain boy's first-person recollection of an extremely and innately ostracized life that manages something quite fine — a poetical realization of the madness that bubbles beneath all our inbred insecurities about being born on the wrong planet, finally achieving a Thoreau-like enchantment of willed isolation.

On to the Really Big Names, Andrew Holleran's "Lights in the Valley" describes what by this time (in *Men on Men 3*, and in general) we might figure as a too-stereotypical gay scenario — the AIDS-heavy-shouldered urban warrior/partier returning middle-aged and afraid to his hometown roots. The story is a lyrical and fragile meditation on the nero's long return to the deathbeds of his Ohio parents,

though all the while he's thinking of nothing but the dying friends and lovers left behind in New York.

The last story here is Edmund White's "Skinned Alive." It sounds sneakily autobiographical — a well-known American gay writer self-exiled to Paris, getting involved in a wicked overlapping succession of liaisons with two younger lovers whose hungry and diverse vaguely S/M role-lusting desires both entice and ultimately leave unquenched the eternally searching narrator. White's wit and timeless and self-deprecatingly humorous form of self-examination transform what might be a lurid slice of presumed diary-writing into the magical, the self-revelatory and sad/affirmative. Life goes on, even life of the so-conscious-of-its-finiteness variety White offers here. And that's the best postscript White, Stambolian or anyone could offer this mixed but rewarding *Men on Men 3*. ▼

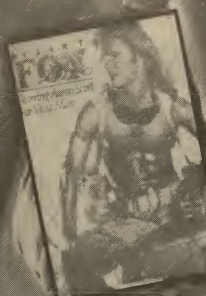
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Hndsm WM, 34yo, 5'6, 140#, clean cut, sks other clean-cut, slim guys for friendship & safe sex. BOX 1262

Gdlnkg GWM, 35yo, 5'11, 165#, brn/hzl, stache, soc drk/smk, no drugs, sks 30-37yo, gd build, same, for dating, sex, poss rtnshp. BOX 1263

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23yo, GWM, br/grn, hairy, husky, bearded, btm, lknng for intimate companion. No drugs or alcohol. BOX 1230

GWM, 50s, 6', 170#, hot mouth for small dicks. Services any race studs max 4', uncut A+. Just kick back & moan. BOX 1231

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Hot submissive black btm, 32yo, 6', 170#, sks hairy GWM for long safe fun sex sessions & passion. BOX 1239

Wrestler, 35yo, lankily muscld 6'4, 162#, wants cln/sbr, bl-toned opponents, any size, 20-45yo, for speedo/jock/naked matches to sane submssn & safely beyond. BOX 1301

I'm a BM, 230#, 6-1/2', lknng for AM for prvt frndshp & rtnshp. Someone who only really needs gd head mostly, safe, you will be satisfied. BOX 1302

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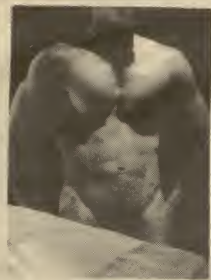
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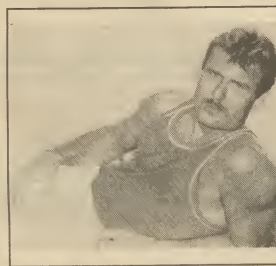
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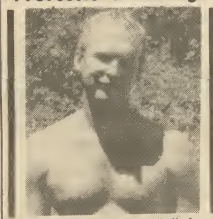
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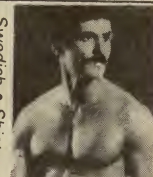
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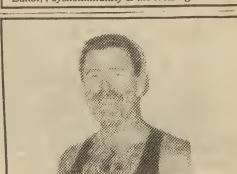
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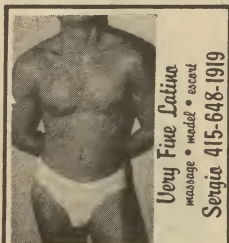


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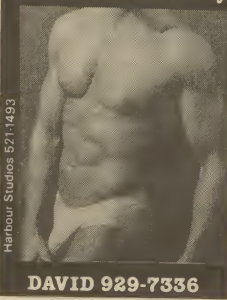
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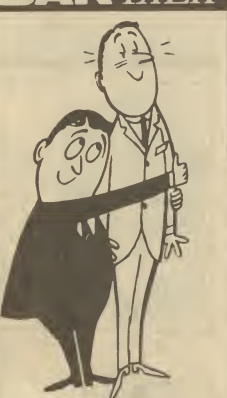
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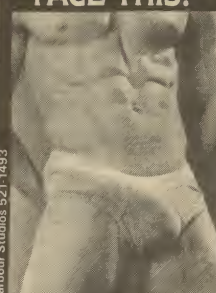


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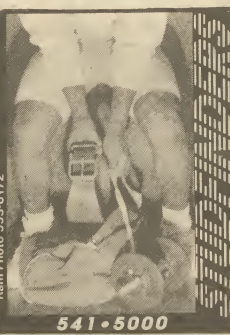


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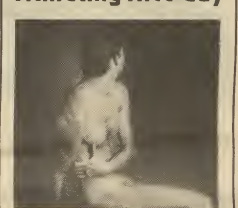
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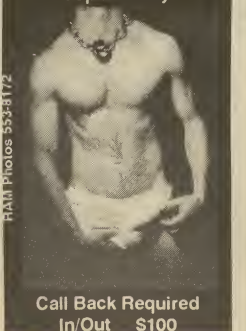
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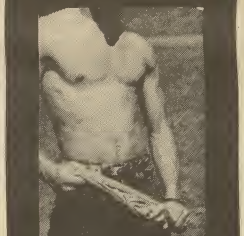
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Thanks for the Memories — Part II

Continuing with remembrances of the past year, there were a lot of high points and some low points too, but they're all memories now. The Cream Sisters wowed the Eagle crowd for the Mr. South of Market Contest while former Mr. Drummer Steve Reiswig from Seattle emceed the contest won by Ken Mueller chosen by judges Ray Perea, Jay Smith, David Lindsey, Chuck Slayton, Ron Morrison and Ray Woods of Seattle. They held their first leather competition in far off Memphis and in Tulsa in April and here on the home front, Gabrielle Antolovich took the International Ms. Leather title. The Eagle celebrated their ninth with a three-day romp through madness and big crowds.

Inter-Club Fund's Folsom Follies was one of the best ever with the Easter bonnet filled with a thousand balloons overwhelming the crowd (worn by Bobby Wong). A newcomer from South Africa, Grant Dupont won the Mr. May '91 spot on the bare chest calendar and entered several other competitions after that, while Joe Fiorentino, fresh from his sassy appearance in Men Behind Bars took the Mr. June 1991 spot on the calendar. And I got the press release late announcing Buddy Bowen as Mr. SF Cowboy. Ray Tilton won the Mr. Watering Hole Leather Contest. They held their first Mr. Drummer Berlin in that city in April too, and Christian Dreesen won that, competed at IML in Chicago and came here to compete in the Mr. Drummer Finals where he was the first runner-up and copped the Mr. Europe Drummer title.

Phoenix Uniform Club elected Luis Cordero as their first officer and he named Miguel Gutierrez as his first



Mr. November and Mr. December '91 Mitch Johnson and Andrew Pear appear on the front and back covers respectively of the Bare Chest Calendar.
(Photo: Marcus)

lady at that club's uniform contest at the Eagle. MCC Church celebrated their 20th at the Holiday Inn. The Widow Norton Jose blew back in town for the umpteenth time and promptly started doing shows at Charpe's. They held their first Closet Ball in San Jose and David Sanchez as "Anita Mann" won it. Despite major changes to the original concept, the Mr. SF Leather contest saw Ray Tilton of the Watering Hole assume the title from Peter Austin. IML '88 Mike Pereyra MC'd the event with IML '89 Guy Baldwin judging along with Corky Davis, Jay Smith and Steve Patten.

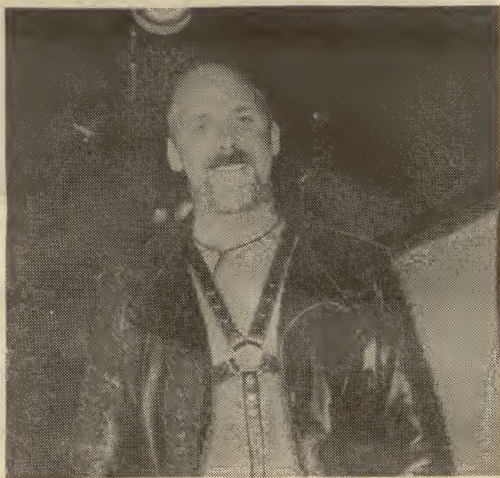
Doug Brockman won the Mr. Powerhouse title and later threw a tattoo party that raised lots of money; Our town sent three (Brad Cavalier, Joe

Hollinger and Ray Tilton) leathersmen to Chicago for the 12th Annual IML competition and there were several hundred in the audience. All three of our guys made it as semi-finalists but when it was all over, East Coast leathersmen swooped in and Mark Ryan of Boston won, while Barone, also of Boston was the first runner-up and Richard Armstrong of Toronto was the second runner-up. They named their first Mr./Ms. South Bay Leather at The Heat in June with John Howe taking the male title and Connie Boy Steinman taking the female one. Connie will compete at IML this month and I am presuming John will compete at IML in Chicago next May.

Rod Brush won the Sept. 91 Bare Chest contest and Chuck Russell won the Oct. 91 spot;



Mr. Drummer winners (l. to r.) Ron Brewer, Clive Platman and Christian Dreesen. (Photo: Marcus)



Joe Hollinger won the Mr. SF-Eagle Leather and Mr. SF Drummer titles, competed at IML in Chicago and put together the Leather Pride Float in the Freedom Day Parade.

(Photo: Marcus)



David, Mark, Bruce, Sharon and Terry at the Eagle's Ninth Anniversary Dinner Buffet last April.

(Photo: Marcus)

Mr. Gay SF Nova Lei gathered a horde of hunks to entertain at the Black Party and the next day the Castro Lions (via Tom Rodgers efforts) raised \$4,000 at the leather auction. We had a nice leather pride float in the Freedom Day Parade put together through the efforts of Mr. SF Eagle Leather/SF Drummer Joe Hollinger; the Uyvarti art auction for the birthday party for Mark Abramson, Al Parker and Rita Rockett was fun and profitable; Sky Renfro's Queer Dome party at Amelia's was fun and Physique '90 at the Herbst brought out hundreds of body worshippers. And the 1990 parade — what can I say — it was beautiful and thousands of out of towners here to enjoy it.

Hartford Properties' annual garage sale raised \$5,300 at the end of June and Flash Video's Weirddathon was definitely that; Mitch Johnson was named Mr. Nov '91 on the Bare Chest calendar, the only man to get on the calendar twice. *Dirty Dreams of a Clean Cut Kid* was garnering rave reviews and was extended through August at Theatre Rhino. They raised \$4000 for ACT UP at the USO Drag Show at Colossus and another \$3,000 for the post parade disco benefitting HIV-AIDS March. Fantasy '90 in Omaha again brought out all the big leather names for Dustin Logan and they raised thousands for the Nebraska AIDS projects.

The Powerhouse celebrated their fifth anniversary to much ballyhoo and fun including the Deep Throats and Gary Ross living it up with much verve. Nick Varetakis and Joe Carron, sponsored by the SF-Eagle, won the river canoe race up at the RushRiv but didn't get the trophy until mid-July — the officials didn't know who won!!

John Hedges, former DJ, balloon maven and living college of musical knowledge, acquired Megatone Records lock stock and barrel and was spinning at the Badlands on a whim. Leather weekend at the RushRiv was a big disappointment — not a big crowd, but those in attendance loved it. David Welch and Taylor Poff were named RushRiv Leather Daddy and Daddy's Boy and their torn jeans contest at the Rainbow Cattle Co., a benefit, was a huge success with Al Parker and other celebs helping out. Andrew Pear won the Dec. '91 spot on the calendar, ending the competition until

next week ('92 calendar competition is next Thursday, Jan. 10). Leather daddy Jay Smith relinquished his title to Don Thompson at another successful Alan Selby production for the AIDS Emergency Fund and Don is doing a good job too; SF Trojans beer bust was fun — even Mike Gray came South of Market to pour

beer and the newly-formed Hayward RawRaHS performed.

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Jim Wigler finished photographing all the bare chest winners, a very wonderful job, and in the competition, Mr. Dec. Mitch Johnson won the cover spot, with

Mr. Nov. Andrew Pear on the back cover; the Trusted Servants MC celebrated their first Anniversary with a fun banquet and the Lone Star Saloon hosted the Satyrs MC beerbust with nearly 100 bikes parked out in front.

Not a big crowd for the annual Bike Blessing but MCC representatives made it very

impressive. The Lone Star finally opened in mid-August and has been a success ever since. They've jumped right into the fundraising scene with gusto and their theme decorations are just great. Jim Marshall was elected Mr. Chubby 1990 at the Watering Hole, a benefit by Mr. SF Leather Ray

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Tilton — huge crowd on hand and heavy-duty contestants for a fun, fun weekend thing in Portland at the end of August, and on the 450-plus attendees for the Satyr's MC bike run, the Rainbow MC held this beautiful leg contest — it was a riot! SMMILE presented a check for \$4188.40 to the AIDS Benefits Counselors, proceeds from Dore Alley Fair and My Place celebrated their third anniversary and launched the Shades Project to benefit the AEF, the project continued with Project II by Tucker Finn and he promises Project III in 1991 with more participation.

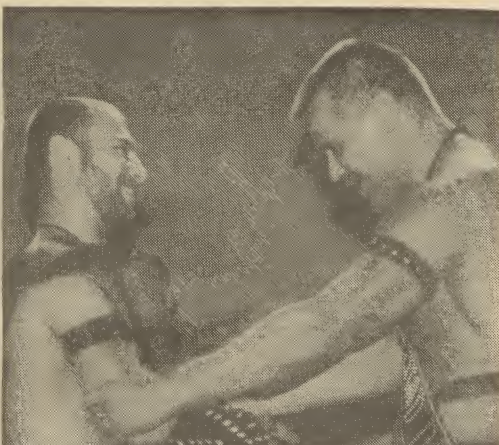
In September, Mark Sponser won the Leather Daddy's Boy contest and has been very busy working for AIDS charities and his own bedroom but who can blame an about-to-be-lawyer kind of dude? Grant Dupont was the first runner-up and Michael Shugert was the second runner-up out of 18 contestants and thousands more raised for AEF.

Pegasus Motorcycle Owners Club was formed and had their first run in Sept. They've already got their '91 schedule printed and distributed — oh if only all the bike clubs would do that! The days were indeed dwindling down in September, for if ever it is leather season in SF, it's September.

Some 50 Australians descended on us and took the town by storm with a great reception at the Eagle and introduced the Australian Gay Leather Pride Flag to Tony DeBlase; leather week was an abundance of leather, s/m, fundraising and the Mr. Drummer contestants were absolutely great this year at the two-day, two-part contest at Club Townsend. Lots of grumbling at first about a two-part thing, but it came off brilliantly. When it was all over, Clive Platman was named Mr. Drummer, first runner-up Christian Dreesen was Mr. Europe Drummer and Ron Brewer, Mr. Southwest Drummer from Phoenix was Mr. North America Drummer. John Siracusa was named the Drummer Boy and over 300,000 people attended SMMILE's Folsom Street Fair.

The Mayor named Sept. 28 Terry Thompson Day in SF, Terry's 50th birthday, with an official proclamation; Kasey Brown and Gail Wilson wowed 'em with "scat" singing at the Eagle beerbust.

SMMILE agreed to do the Christmas Tree on Castro and managed to raise the money, manpower and stamina to get it up in time bravo! Pacific Bears MC formed up at the RushRiv and had a leather weekend while SLUG in San Jose did the same; Doris Fish was honored at a fund-raising bash at the Victoria Theatre. In spite of her spiteful diatribe against leathermen, a lot of them showed up to contribute; we got out the vote to elect Carole Migden and Roberta Achtenberg to the Bd. of Supes and to get Tom Ammiano on the Board of Education, but



Mr. Europe Drummer Christian Dreesen (r.) and Mr. Drummer Clive Platman congratulate each other at the Drummer finals in September. (Photo: Marcus)

fell short on electing Dianne the Divine to the governorship. It was traumatic for us to lose that one!

ACT UP, Queer Nation, Bear Nation, and other groups managed to stir up enough to make the world aware of us and the AIDS plight; Tatiana continued First Saturday drag shows at Kimo's and everyone pitched in wherever needed. Randy Gray won the Mr. Leather Sacramento title.

Hot Ash held several parties at the Lone Star and the ICF Progressive Dinner was poorly attended — are the bike club members deserting their own organization? The independents seem to be carrying the load most of the time these days!!

Hey, we lost a lot of friends, but in their memories, you're all contributing as best you can

— you couldn't ask for more than that could you? And last but not least, only one plug this week:

The man who started the Pennies Project that's raised over \$300,000 already — Fred Skau — will be honored at a testimonial dinner on Thursday, Jan. 10 at the Holiday Inn, Van Ness and Pine. Tickets are only \$35 and tax deductible benefiting the AIDS Emergency Fund. Thanks Fred, I'll be there and will always remember you as a proud, handsome, dedicated man — and one who gives good Penny.

Looking forward to 1991 with lots of enthusiasm and good feelings about the leather community and their environs. I hope you can keep all your resolutions (if any) and if not... well, you're only human! ▼

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Welcome home to Dolly Dale of the Polk Rendezvous and to Dick Cook of Reflections after their holiday in Alabama with Dolly's great parents, Emil and Agnes. How was the weather there, Dolly?

We foresee an omen, so remember Michael Bowman and join him at Kimo's on Jan. 3 at 8 p.m. to "Talk of the Future." Don't forget the date.

The board of directors of the AIDS Emergency Fund invites you to participate in a testimonial dinner honoring Fred Skau, founder of "Every Penny Counts." The Pennies Project has raised nearly \$300,000. Call 441-6407 for tickets and more information. This takes place on Thursday the 10th, so call now.

Had a nice letter from Sophie, the co-owner of the Lucky Horseshoe Lounge on Chicago's North Side, and they are in the process of building on an addition that will make the bar twice the size that it is. Sorry you can't come out for a visit, Sophie, as we all carry a lot of Bombay Sapphire Gin just in case you make a surprise visit. Will try to visit you this summer.

Well, Jan. 2 David Hamilton, aka Mame of Portland, celebrated his 58th birthday. Wish I could have made it up

there, David, but at least I can wish you a happy birthday — and many, many more.

Had a nice chat with David Webber and Ralph last week and they are still living in Los Angeles and just might be moving to New Orleans next summer, which would be great as I would have a place to stay for Mardi Gras in the future. They both say hello to all of their friends here in San Francisco.

J.R., formerly of Kimo's, is now on the plank at the very popular Cinch on Polk Street. His other half is still at Company up on California, with the popular Steve and of course the one and only Seth as manager. Company is doing a great job.

Do you realize that April 1 will be the 20th anniversary of this great newspaper, the B.A.R.? Don Cavallo, Luscious Lorelei, Bob Ross, Lou Greene, Empress Cristal and yours truly were some of the first writers for this paper. It certainly has grown under publisher Bob Ross and his very capable staff.

Le Salon on Polk Street still has that great guy working there to help you in picking out any videos that you might need, none other than Don deFonqué, commonly known as D.D. So drop into Le Salon if you need anything special and remember, five percent of your purchase over \$10 is donated to the AIDS Emergency Fund, which is a nice thing by the Dirty Old Frenchman.

Jackie of the Yacht Club on



Swearing in for Carole Migden Jan. 8.

Polk Street has almost reached the goal of \$1,000 for the Project Rest Stop Support Center. Their customers paid \$1 for a Rest Stop card to put on the tree or wherever else in the bar. Lou Greene, you did a great job of printing the cards. And a big thank you to Jackie.

A belated birthday greeting to the popular Craig Roday of Kimo's on Dec. 31. I hope you have many, many more of them and that you had a fun-filled day.

Such a wonderful turnout last Friday for the memorial service for Bob Cramer at the City Hall Rotunda. The Cable Car Board of Directors should be congratulated on doing such a great job. And thanks to all of the people and friends of Bob's who were there. He'll be missed by many.

Well, I wish you all a Happy New Year. See you on the plank! ▼

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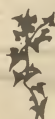
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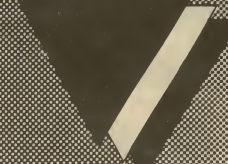
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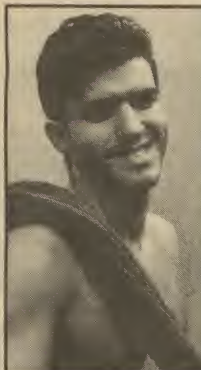
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